

Magnifico, Rose

Subject: FW: File#OP.14.006 and Z.14.26 - Planned Structure at Woodbridge Avenue & Wallace Street - Village of Woodbridge

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Subject: Re: File#OP.14.006 and Z.14.26 - Planned Structure at Woodbridge Avenue & Wallace Street - Village of Woodbridge

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Thomas Arget.

I am a long-time resident of Woodbridge and a homeowner residing at 140 Rosebury Lane, Woodbridge, Ontario, L4L 3Z8. My family and I have lived at this address since 1984.

IT IS SHOCKING TO ME THAT A STRUCTURE OF THIS MAGNITUDE IS EVEN A CONSIDERATION FOR A HERITAGE DISTRICT SUCH AS THE VILLAGE OF WOODBRIDGE.

We have seen consistent disregard for the character and rich history that once made the Village of Woodbridge a welcoming and interesting centre of our community. It is now a thoroughfare from point A to B for most people. It is characterized by several blocks of multi-story residential buildings that visually form a tunnel from one end of the village to the other. I will not even comment on the aesthetics of what passersby experience.

Needless to say the land development industry has no regard for the history of the area, nor do they share concerns about the impact that high-density residential structures have on the quality of life for those living in the community. A seven-story structure will likely have implications for traffic volume and will bring yet another challenge to the seemingly hopeless task of law enforcement when it comes to speeding, illegal parking, lack of any serious concern for stop signs at intersections such as Woodbridge Avenue & Wallace Street and the surrounding area.

The density of this building will add further strain to the volume of traffic through the village and the risk this poses to pedestrians, be they elderly residents or school children.

Furthermore, I fear the environmental impact that a building of this size might pose. It is likely to exert pressure on the infrastructure of sewers, water, and drainage. In addition, it will likely cause a substantial section of Woodbridge Avenue to fall in the shadow of a towering 7-story structure.

Of course, this is all at the cost of residents who already live in the area.

It is clear that the developer angling to cash in on another high-value footprint has no concern about the short- and long-term impact of this planned cash cow.

Approval of the plan will suggest that Vaughn's City Council is not far behind the developer on lack of concern for the public interest and the citizens who rely on good judgment and prudent management of our neighborhoods and the qualities that make them livable, safe, and environmentally sustainable.

Needless to say, I am vigorously opposed to this plan and regret that I am unable to attend due to the inclement weather that seems to be quickly closing in on us this evening.

Yours truly,
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