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Subject: Weston Downs Traffic Study 2016

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Dear Mr. Clerk and Members of Council,

I am compelled to send you this letter in response to an e-mail that I received from the Weston Downs Rate Payers Association. I am a resident of Weston Downs and I do not agree with the views of the Rate Payer's Association. I would like to point out that only 348 of the 1846 residents responded to the survey and that the options presented were limited. We were not given an option to say no to any changes. In my response I indicated that the problems are not with the community road system, but with the regional roads and the excessive volume. My children attend St. Gregory and Emily Carr schools and I need the ability to drive them to and from school in a timely fashion. As well, my office is at Weston and Langstaff, and I should be able to get to and from work in a timely fashion. Turn restrictions on local or regional roads, and a direction of traffic restriction on Santa Barbara would adversely affect my ability to drive my children to school and to get to work.

I am in favour of the long term strategy planned for Weston Road, Rutherford Road and Highway 400. The timeline originally proposed seems distant, so I am also in favour of accelerating the timeline. We need these changes now! Other changes that would alleviate traffic in the area include developing a road system parallelling Weston road that would join Langstaff Road to Rutherford Road.

I would like to conclude by saying that I hope council will not make a rash decision by accepting short term solutions such as the turning restrictions and one way traffic restriction on Santa Barbara, which will have long term negative effects on the community. I would expect council to accelerate the long term plans for the regional roads. I would like to state that the rate payers association is making claims that it represents the views of the majority of the community, but I do not agree. The majority of the residents did not participate in the survey. In addition to this, the survey did not include the option of saying no to any of the proposed changes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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