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Subject: Condo application for 13572 and 13586 Bayview Avenue

Simone / Stephen,

Hope this email finds both of you well, I am writing to you with respect to the condo application for 13572 and 13586 Bayview Avenue. I am formally writing to object and log my protest against this development. There are some very important issues with urban intensification in this location. I have listed them out for you below:

1. This is a rather small property and borders the environmentally sensitive Snively reserve. A place where today we find a great diversity of wildlife and it is one of the elements that make Oak Ridges a special community.
2. The lack of meaningful transit infrastructure. Intensifying in areas outside of well developed transit is something from the 1970s. Effectively you are requiring every household to have at least 1 vehicle in order to get groceries, get to work, to school, to socialize. This is the opposite of good planning.
3. Lack of sidewalks and bike paths to the community center and Lake Wilcox along Bayview - so if households in this location decide to walk or bike to the largest draw in Oak Ridges, they WILL be at risk and knowing this, does that open up the town to any liability ?
4. Lack of sidewalks and bike paths along Bloomington to the Bloomington Go station. Same issue as above. The youth that may live there and need to attend schools or socialize in the city are at risk if they choose a cheap and environmentally friendly way to get to the city. I seriously think that biking to the Go station would be a bigger success if people felt safe, the current "bike lane" is very dangerous as it is on a road where people constantly travel at 80-100 kph
5. All the households and businesses in the area currently do not exceed 2 stories. If they were building townhomes it would make more sense than a large condo from this perspective

Intensification along the Viva transit corridors makes sense. I understand that it is not easy to balance the needs (or demands) of developers, the need for housing, the environment and your current citizens in your planning process. I hope that I have laid out some red flags that highlight how this particular proposal is simply not appropriate for this location.

I would be more than happy to discuss / brainstorm ideas / debate this further, so please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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