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Attention: City Planning Dept.

I am a concerned citizen who resides in Winona. I have become aware that the City is planning to increase the density, far beyond what the province requires. It will add traffic, noise and potentially decrease existing property values. Our community is quite unique which not only requires but deserves a healthy blend. No one wants to stop the development, we know it will happen, but I just would like to keep the density level down.

I think that questions like - What effect will losing all that green space have on the wildlife in our area? would be worth asking, since the wildlife is part of the charm and one of the reasons for living here.

Another appropriate focus on would be on how many of the new homes being planned are geared to the elderly or the physically disabled i.e. one floor plans that are easily accessible for them?

Also, are there going to be new schools built to house the children of the families in the new subdivisions? The schools in Winona are at full capacity and are now having to use portables which pose a myriad of "*Health and Safety*" issues. New schools should be put in place before allowing the builders to flood the area with new homes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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