

File No. ZAR-08-082

The Coordinator
Planning Committee
71 Main Street West, 1st Floor
Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

Re: Application by G4 Property Group Ltd. For a Zoning By-law Amendment application for Lands Located at 542 and 546 Old Mud Street, (Hamilton) Ward 6)

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident at [redacted] a few steps from the subject property in question. My concern with your amendment application is it does not outline the new boundaries for Zone A. As you are aware, this is the entrance to the Red Hill Valley Trail. A link that connects to the Bruce Trail, one of the world's longest nature trails.

Since I moved there two years ago, we have been anticipating the completion of a parking lot adjacent to 6 Cedarville to help support the congestion of walkers, cyclists, hikers and photographers that frequent the trail on a daily basis. At present they park on the street on Old Mud directly in front of the subject properties all the way around the bend and onto Cedarville Drive. As well, this is a frequent Runner's Den "hot Spot, and throngs of runners will make their way 2 or 3 times per week down Old Mud and onto the trail at this entrance.

At present there is insufficient lighting, garbage collection and landscaping at the entrance of the trail. The city needs to clean up the area, finish the parking lot, add security lighting and then "if" there is sufficient land available to support development, only then review the option of re-zoning. The trail and park system should be first, the area has had enough development. There is still garbage in on the trail from construction that has never been cleaned up. Let's clean the entrance to the trail and make the park area what it should be, then worry about another land grabbing developer.

I just had to pay the city \$200 because my back yard is considered conservation Authority Land (10 Cedarville) before I could put shovel in the ground to build my deck, seems to if protecting and conserving what park land we have left is important enough that we have an entire group dedicated to monitoring and billing consumers...then it should be important enough to give this a little more consideration!

Regards,
Gary Labatte