

My name is Jeanette McGinty, I have owned and lived at Unit 21 445 Stone Church Road West which would be to the East of the proposed Building for 12 ½ years. I am strongly opposed to the re-zoning amendment for lands located at 449 Stone Church Road West, Hamilton. I object to having such a large building with rooftop terrace being constructed directly behind my house I will be greatly affected by this.

I have read the planning reports and they are addressing the concerns that were raised in all the opposition letters by using the same assuring sentence that “everything meets the minimum code standards” for this building. But what about the human aspect of having to live beside this structure and the affect it will have on the people surrounding it? How can that be measured and put into a code standard.

I currently have a lovely unobstructed view of trees with no buildings behind me, this will be ruined by such a building, not only will I lose this view, any sunlight will be obstructed and large shadows cast on my house and garden. Having a good view is a selling feature of any house and I will lose such an advantage. Plus destroying 40’ established trees in this day and age of trying to save green space is a tragedy.

I believe that having such a building in this location will also create traffic and safety problems on Stone Church Road, which is already a very busy road and intersection at Garth St. Cars entering or exiting this proposed building will create issues. I also believe that there will be parking issues. It is mentioned that there will be 18 parking spots for 12 units. As you are aware, most families have more than one car, where will the other cars be parked? I am sure that cars will try to park in our townhouse parking lots. There will also be noise issues with all this additional traffic coming and going.

Another concern I have is the affect that the proposed construction of this building would have to residents, i.e. noise, dust etc. which could have negative health effects on people in the surrounding houses as well as pets that are alone in the houses during the construction.

The report also states that garbage/recycling collection will be at the curb, who will be responsible for cleaning any debris that is so often left lying around once it’s been picked up?

I understand that something will be built and had heard that the original intention was to be a single home and two semi-detached homes, which would have been fine because they would fit into the landscape of the area and not be obtrusive to the residents. This proposed building is not compatible with this neighbourhood it will be an eyesore!

Hamilton advocates building better communities, how about looking after the ones you currently have.

