Lindsay King, City of Hamilton Planning and Economic Development Dept. Development Planning, Heritage and Design - Suburban Team

I am writing regarding the application to amend the zoning bylaw for lands at 72 Wilson St. East (File No. ZAC-14-041).

I request that this application be denied for various reasons including, but not limited to, the following:

The design is totally out of character for the area - not only on the main street but as viewed from St. Margaret Road and Cameron Drive. For the families whose backyards will face the back end of this building that is 10.5m high, plus another metre of roof height, it will be much like looking at the back of large apartment building. In a neighbourhood of bungalows, replacing the existing bungalow with a building of this immensity should not be allowed.

The plan provides for 10 parking spaces. In addition to the vehicles of the businesses and residents, there will obviously be traffic of clients and customers. Wilson St. is already over burdened and doesn't need this increase in traffic.

Six of the 10 parking spaces are at the BACK! of the property, in the backyards of the neighbours. Because it would be a commercial property as well as residential, the noise and pollution of traffic coming and going at all hours of the day and night into this back parking lot will be a major problem that the residents in the area should not have to suffer. The plan calls for a 1.5m fence at the back of the parking lot which won't do anything to alleviate these problems.

My husband and I have enjoyed the peace and beauty of our back garden for decades and do not want to have it destroyed.

This plan should not be allowed to go forward and we respectfully request the application be denied.

We would like to be made aware of any decisions regarding this application and any dates of public meetings.

Thank you.

To: Lindsay King

I am writing this email to inform you that we are opposed to the Zoning By-Law Amendment for the Lands located at 72 Wilson Street East in Ancaster.

I have lived in Ancaster for the last 43 years and have seen many changes over the years. I grew up in Ancaster and subsequently purchased a home in Ancaster 16 years ago.

It is absolutely ridiculous that there has been an application submitted to the City of Hamilton to amend the Zoning By-Law for this property. What is the applicant thinking to drop in a commercial building amongst the five homes along that stretch of Wilson Street, not to mention the backyards of the homes on Cameron Drive. The location of this property does not suit a three storey mixed use building. I think this is obvious with one storey homes on all sides of the property. There is absolutely no way the City of Hamilton can approve this application. I understand the applicant has the right to submit an application, and the City and tax payers need to step in and draw the line and do what is right for the residents of Ancaster. After living in old Ancaster for 43 years, I definitely do not want to walk out my front door in our beautiful neighborhood and see the back of a three story building. It is obvious that a three storey building will tower over all of the other single floor homes in the vicinity. Please keep me informed with all correspondence related to this application and we would prefer to have our personal information withheld for now.

Best Regards,

