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Subject: Proposed changes to the Existing Residential "ER" Zone in the Town of Ancaster Zoning By-law No. 87-57.

Dear members of city council,

I am only now becoming aware of these proposed changes after reading an article online.

While I fully understand the intentions of these proposed changes and the end goal of better integrating additions and new homes (on existing lots) to better fit with the surrounding neighborhoods, I do have concerns.

My house does fall under the ER zoning. I am concerned as the homes in my court were built over 30 years ago (including mine), all on the larger side (3000 to 4600 square feet) and sit on large but long and narrower lots. Thus my home and my neighbors to the right and left of me (4 houses in total) are L-shaped with significant living space above the garage. Our garages do project more than 2 meters in front of our homes.

My concern is two fold.

1. Due to the narrow nature of these lots and the existing character of my court the proposed changes to the zoning rules would not allow me to rebuild my home (eg due to disaster) to it's existing (or similar) footprint.
2. The proposed changes would likely limit me to rebuild a home that is out of character with my neighbors.
3. I feel that 20% and 25% restrictions (and other proposed restrictions) are too limiting to apply universally to all ER zoned lots as their is a wide degree of variation in lot sizes, neighborhood character, etc among houses in the ER zoning.

I would hope that there would be more flexibility to address my above concerns in any changes.

Thank you,

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