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**Subject:** 925 Main St w., and 150 Longwood Rd.

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From:

Sent: September-03-18 9:55 PM

To: Lucas, Adam; Johnson, Aidan

Cc: Office of the Mayor

Subject: Re: 925 Main St w., and 150 Longwood Rd.

Dear Mr. Lucas and Kimberley Harrison McMillan,

I am resident on Arkell St close to where Columbia College is planning its new student residence. I have attended previous community meetings regarding this project and spoke with a city hall staffer as well to let them know my objections to the project. I would now like to put my concerns in writing.

I object very strongly to the building of 14 and 18storey towers to house over 1000 students at this very precarious and difficult site at 925 Main St. W., and 150 Longwood. Primarily my concern is for the safety of the one thousand plus students who will be inhabiting these towers at an extremely busy intersection. This intersection is the pathway to the 403 and is extremely busy during the day. Furthermore, traffic from the east 403 exits in this region as well, affecting many of the students who will be walking to their respective classes along Main St. between Longwood and where the 403 exits for access to McMaster University.

The land that these buildings will be built on is a relatively small property backing onto an extremely steep ravine. Because of the insufficiency of the land mass, I understand remedial work has to be carried out in order bto "prop" up the property by the addition of significant amount of landfill to the lower part of the property. I worry that this construction work as well as the construction of the building towers will create huge traffic problems at that very difficult and sensitive location, so integral to the 403.

Furthermore, there is already a Highschool on Main St. West and Longwood, diagonally across from the proposed site. Why there should be more pedestrian congestion on the busy corner is hard to fathom. Would Columbia College not be better off building student accommodation in a more suitable place? We have to remember that Columbia College students are adolescents and teens preparing for college—surely there are better sites for Columbia College in Hamilton—perhaps the city needs to consider offering them other suitable locations if Columbia College wishes to expand its operations.

I can understand that the development of that land is undoubtedly financially lucrative for both Columbia College and perhaps also the City. However, reason has to prevail and developers should not be given the Green light when so many human issues are at stake.

With sincere regard

PS. I would be pleased if you could cc this letter to Kimberley Harrison-McMillan as I was unable to find that email address).

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