

From: Cynthia Watson <
Sent: December 5, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Van Rooi, James <James.VanRooi@hamilton.ca>
Subject: 15 Church Street, Ancaster, ON

Dear Mr. Vanrooi,

I realize this is a 12th hour email but I object to the tearing down of a 100 year old house at 15 Church and building the 6 2.5 storey townhomes,

I live on Lodor St. and have witnessed many near misses of cars vs pedestrians on my street. I have seen car vs car near misses as well. I almost get rear ended 50% of the time I occasionally use my front driveway. I have watched people just fly down this street and run the stop sign at Lodor and Academy. I have seen cars cutting through the neighbourhood have to "stop by snow bank" in the winter on Academy. I have seen the neighbour's small hedge be essentially ran over from people parking in front of it and then deciding it is too busy and try to turn around on our small street.

I have already called out Councilman Ferguson many times for selling out the village to modern big business who want to ruin the charm of the village. We bought here because of that charm and now y'all seem to want to ruin it and the heritage of this historic area. The traffic, especially during what is called rush hour, is horrendous on these small streets. They speed and, if a car is parked on the road, they will drive up on the sidewalks to not have to wait for a car that has the right away. This has happened and a young mother pulling her tot in a wagon was almost hit. My neighbour was basically assaulted by a driver who did not like that Dave was doing the speed limit on the roads. The other driver pulled around, passed him, ran the stop sign at Academy and continued on. They both ended up at the light on Rousseau at McNiven and the other driver got out of his car and threw coffee at Dave, hitting his vehicle with the cup. By the way, Lodor St. is approximately 20 feet wide and frankly, we need speed cushions.

This type of behaviour, that Ferguson only calls "bad behaviour", is commonplace with the people that drive through here to avoid the lights at Wilson and Rousseau. Now you want to add to that traffic and possibly add more bad behaviour. Do you people plan on stopping when someone dies from a speeder or someone driving up on the sidewalk? We have a changing neighbourhood. We are a mix of elderly, near elderly like myself and now young people are moving in to raise their children. On what? Unsafe streets because you want to make this historic charming village a higher density area? That is for the Meadowlands, not the historic Village that dates back to 1793.

The townhomes will ruin the feel of the village and add more stress to our aging infrastructure. Not to mention add at minimum 12 more vehicles that will have no place to park except on Lodor.

I know from experience that y'all are "yes men" to the \$\$\$ and not to the will of the people but I am asking you that this time you consider the factors of how this will damage the village and the Maywood neighbourhood.

Thank you,

Cynthia Watson
Ancaster.