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Subject: Academy/Wilson street development

Dear Counsellors

This proposed, massive development is beyond the pale! It goes against every by law that is currently in place. It does NOT benefit current tax paying residents. Nor will it benefit future residents. In fact, it will create harm as it erodes the current values and quality of life that exist. It would be a poor location for the proposed elderly residents. It would create additional traffic congestion (which is already to the breaking point) It violates current height restrictions and many other by laws. Also, water and sewage systems remain inadequate. A disaster in the making!

Ancaster residents pay incredibly HIGH taxes! These taxes must not to be used to support developers who will pave over our life styles and current values. You cannot collect our taxes while simultaneously removing our rights to have a say in how our town is developed.

Our taxes, not developers, pay your salary. Remember this.

If you vote to allow this monstrosity to proceed you will be violating existing by laws that a democratic community has voted for. As my elected official, you have a duty to support my voice. Currently, you are falling sort!!!

How can you sell out our Ancaster and our history?? Why do you not value the town you claim to govern? How dare you put the profits of a developer over the rights of Ancaster tax-paying citizens. Seriously, how dare you!

You must start to listen to your constituents. We do NOT want this type of gross development. We do not want it!! We want our heritage protected.

We still grieve the Brandon House. Do not add to this carnage of our past and heritage by enabling developers to destroy the few remaining gems of our past!!! I am talking about the Marr House.

Due to the constant over development of Ancaster, I have made the horrible decision to leave this town I have lived in all my life. I have lived here for 60 years. I have now sold my family home. I cannot continue to live in a place where the town counsel constantly ignores the pleas of their residents. Residents have consistently stated, over and over, that we do not want so much intensification!! We do not want the traffic! We do not want our taxes to constantly be directed to support developers. I cannot afford to live here any longer because my taxes have increased so very much!!! Yet I have seen NOTHING that benefits me for this massive tax increase. Year after year, my taxes have increased beyond what is sustainable. The growth rate is too much. You have not made proper plans for the traffic the additional population brings with it. You have not made proper plans for how the added population will impact the infrastructure, roads etc. Oh wait. Yes you have. You simply increase our taxes!!! Again. And again. And again. Until people cannot afford to live here where they grew up. It's sad when your monthly taxes are larger than your mortgage.

And so I feel I have no choice but to leave. Such a shame. Such a shame that you cannot see what is important and that you refuse to see what has real value.

Do you think you can rebuild the Brandon House? No. You can't. It's gone. History was allowed to be torn down. Shame. If you give the developers permission to proceed, do you think you can later enforce the developers to rebuild/repair the Marr House (regardless of the cost) if it crumbles when they try to relocate it to some back corner? No. You can't. You won't be able to enforce anything once you give them the "green light".

Shame. Shame. Shame.

You are repeating sad history. And somehow you can't see that. Mind blowing.

And so I respectfully submit yet another email of concern with how you are governing my town. My former town. When will you start to listen?

Sadly and sincerely,  
Barb Russell-Morse