

Mr. Daniel Barnett,  
City of Hamilton,  
Planning and Economic Development Department,  
Development Planning, Heritage and Design – Urban team,  
71 Main Street West, 5th Floor, Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

January 28, 2022

Dear Mr. Barnett,

Re: UHOPA-20-012 and ZAC20-016  
Application by 1107 Main Inc. to amend Official Plan and Zoning By-Law – 1107 Main Street West

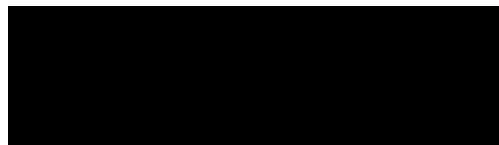
I am writing to further our objection to the dangerous scope and over-intensification of the proposed 1107 Main Street West development. We have objected in writing previously (April 27, 2020) and find it grossly self-serving when the developer puts forward claims of local resident support as if it is somehow unanimous; we live on the same street as this proposed development and we object strenuously to any bylaw changes to accommodate this plan. Specifically, with regard to violations of the city's Tree Protection Plan, the developer will be wantonly cutting down and disposing of a gorgeous English Oak (whose roots just won't survive the proposed 3m setback and the proposed underground parking excavation) and the beautiful Silver Maple.

And more. The property on Dow Avenue bookended by those two trees was an important garden space providing for those in our city with food insecurity. The proposed plan paves paradise and puts up park benches overlooking their garbage dump (I know it sounds incredible but it's true). The green space in the proposal is on upper levels – public space? No chance – it will be an outdoor party area for high-rise tower student residents who are at risk for throwing bottles onto the streets below – witness headline-grabbing street party destructive outbursts. Did we not learn anything from the pandemic about respect for safe distancing and preserving our spaces including our green spaces?

Finally, we are members of the local Adas Israel community, among those who are opposed to the overwhelming size of this proposal - in our Jewish tradition, we have just celebrated Tu B'shevat, a holy day which is specifically set aside in our calendar to celebrate the vibrant importance of trees in our community lives and our moral environmental responsibilities – it is terribly ironic at a time when we are celebrating such ecological growth that we are told to witness instead the destruction of these heritage trees, only to be seen in photo memories or perhaps, as the folk singer predicted 'in a tree museum where we pay a dollar and a half just to see 'em'.

The developers have an alternative – they can stay within the current city bylaws – they can build a beautiful mixed rental-condo building of 6 – 8 stories, preserving the trees and the land and the local neighbourhood community while still adding needed residential accommodation to our city. But they are preoccupied with profit at all costs, with what appears to be an ecology insensitive and dangerously over-intensive skyscraper that ignores local needs. Please consider this in your deliberations on this ugly plan.

Sincerely,



Joel and Ilana Goldberg



cc: Maureen Wilson, Councillor, Ward 1