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Having only found out last Friday that you all are voting just *three days later* on the proposed children's hospice use of the Wentworth Lodge lands (and only because a newspaper reporter gave a heads up to our neighbourhood), many of us are urgently writing to Council to request more consultation before this step is taken.

Somehow a significant alteration has been made to the existing hospice plan -- an entire seniors' building and an ambulance dispatch station -- with no consultation. Why is this being slipped through with no discussion?

Plans presented in March at Dundana School at a meeting hosted by the hospice proponent, featured nonspecific artists' renderings for a 40,000 square foot, 10-bed hospice, with 75 parking spaces. No mention was made of the 2 additional uses.

No city staff or elected officials were present at the meeting and again, no mention was made of the City's intent to develop a seniors' residential building or an ambulance dispatch station on this piece of land.

The hospice feels like a suitable use of the land, and will likely be on the 'quiet side' for traffic. A lovely place, along the rail trail, for families who need the services of the hospice. But to increase uses of the land beyond that, will stretch neighbourhood capacity and should be carefully considered with *full input* from people living in the Little John/Robin Hood area.

Many of us already feel that Lynden Avenue is over capacity with daily high school bus runs, elementary school kids walking to Dundana, sidewalk on only one side, cars and pedestrians entering and exiting Wentworth Lodge & Lynden Place parking lots (including food service and other large trucks), along with frequent movie shoots involving lines of trucks and trailers, access to Little John Park, and the near-constant presence of landscaping trailers along the east side of Lynden.

All of these homes (guessing at least 250 households, looking at the map) funnel out through Lynden and all of us have tales to tell about near-misses and other safety issues.

Why the apparent secrecy about the additional uses of this land? Please deal with one item: approval of the hospice project, and defer the other two uses at this time.

thank you

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