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Subject: Proposed Losani Development on Glen Echo Site

Shame on the city of Hamilton and the associated school trustees!

Who ever thought it was OK to plunk a medium-high density development in the middle of a residential area! Be clear, these structures would be plunked in the centre of single family homes. The proposed site is not bordered on any side by any main arterial roadway. Truly ridiculous and not well considered. Regardless of what is built, other than if it is single family homes, it will be a blight and imbedded in the community.

It would not only reduce property values but will also place an unfair tax burden on the long standing residents in the area.

How we got to this midnight hour or apparent lack of reversal in decision or sale is unconscionable. Someone, likely more than just one, was asleep at the wheel. Unfortunately, it is the residents in the area who have to pick up the battle, pay the price and lead the charge to either reverse the decision (unlikely it seems) or at a minimum, reduce the scale and quash the current design proposal.

The facts are there was an interim councillor to fill the gap Chad Collin's left. Neither he nor the trustee was familiar with the area nor had a vested interest in representing the residents. NO efforts were made to communicate with the residents. It's too easy to blame COVID. Where is the accountability?

How could Isaac Brock be spared this fate? It is an isolated site, whereas the proposed site decimates an area that has other operating schools in the block.

We, the residents have just heard (perhaps less than a year ago at best) about this project, well after the sale of the property, leaving us zero time or opportunity to have our views heard. Who in their right mind, would sever a section of a block of school property, which also provided a green space (the only one) in the area?

There are a myriad of reasons we, the current residents, want this insanity to stop now.

- Unfair (illegal?) lack of opportunity for resident to participate in discussions before the sale
- Area schools are already over capacity.
- Traffic patterns with buses and helicopter parents around the school areas are unsafe and congested. How would another 250+ cars in the neighborhood impact this?
- Significant change in local landscape
- Loss of much needed green space
- Decline of property values for existing residents with no warning of changes
- Inevitable tax burden on residents for something foisted upon them. (Acceptable if there was a community facility, such as a swimming pool or community centre)
- Suspicious, opportunistic behaviour amongst Losani and those participating in the sale. Cloak and dagger approach. Information released only after the deal was done.

Please be clear, we do not want this project to go any further. It appears that several people dropped

the ball as the process moved along, robbing us of our right to have a voice. It is difficult to understand why this cannot be remedied. At a minimum our voices should be heard and heeded now.

Matt Francis has done his best to help us understand where we are now. He is squarely in our corner. However even he does not show much promise for a reversal in the project. This does not seem reasonable and we feel "beat into submission", made to suffer the consequences of poor, unfair and illogical decision making.

What recourse or power do we have, other than just being "flies in the ointment"?

Concerned resident,
Jane Leach