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To whom it may concern (and we assure you, this concerns a lot of us),

I'm writing to voice our genuine alarm (outrage and horror, truthfully) over what is being proposed by Losani Homes at the Glen Echo site. As a resident of this neighbourhood for over 30 years (having attended Glen Echo myself and with my own child starting at Viola Desmond shortly), my family and I continue to be in total shock by what is being proposed (as are our neighbours, young and old) as it does not align to what our neighbourhood represents or aspires to be in the future.

Amongst numerous other concerns (increase in traffic; increase in parking; exacerbation of existing capacity issues of our community resources, including childcare, schooling, etc.; loss of greenspace; massive shadows; decline to property values; increase to property taxes – to name only a few), there is a notable safety concern as well, given there are hundreds of school aged children that occupy this area daily (my child soon to be one of them, and their newborn sibling soon after). If nothing else, consider the amount of transport/industrial trucks and other service providers that will need to come into our residential neighbourhood. The roads leading into our area were not designed for this, nor was the block where this monstrosity is being proposed. Is the zoning of this area not intended to help protect communities against such developments? This has begged the question as to how this proposal or the purchase of this site has even been able to progress this far? Where was the communication to residents? With two other schools in the direct vicinity (including a newly built, expanded offering) adding medium-high density housing is not in line with the purpose of this block in our community. Who was looking out for the residents of this area? This whole situation feels very suspicious and has left us wondering who exactly was at the table when these deals were transacted, and what interests were driving these discussions? Monetary gains?

It's yet to be seen what the effect of additional residential developments in the area (Eastgate Square, Queenston & Nash, etc.) will do to exacerbate existing community issues. I can't even begin to turn my mind to the absolute nightmare that would ensue by adding a medium-high density residence in the middle of this area that is lined by single family homes.

We're begging you to please help us to do what we can to put an end to this outrageous proposal.

Please help us to protect our neighbourhood and stop the prioritization of profits over people!

Very concerned resident,
Sarah Barrett