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Cc:; Rowen and Mavis Baker

Subject: Objection : Proposed Development at 392–412 Wilson Street East, Ancaster

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Good morning Jennifer,

I am writing as a resident of Ancaster to formally express my concerns regarding the proposed development at 392, 398, 400, 406, and 412 Wilson Street East within the downtown **Heritage** village core.

This area is not simply a collection of properties—it is a designated heritage village. The BIA itself is structured around preserving that identity, rooted in a community established in 1793. That historical continuity is a defining characteristic of Ancaster. We have a responsibility to protect and steward that legacy with care.

An eight-storey building is not consistent with the established scale or character of the downtown core. A development of this magnitude introduces impacts that extend well beyond the site itself, including:

- Increased traffic volume in an area already experiencing congestion
- Spillover parking pressures into surrounding residential streets
- Increased noise and disruption over an extended construction period
- Diversion of traffic into adjacent neighbourhoods, affecting safety and livability

It is also important to note that prior traffic assessments were conducted during an atypical period when volumes were significantly reduced, which raises questions about the reliability of those projections under current and future conditions.

A project of this scale, is NOT in keeping with the community and heritage feel and will place sustained strain on residents, local businesses, and the functionality of Wilson Street itself.

Beyond the immediate impacts, there are broader considerations. Developments of this nature risk altering the character of the village core in a way that cannot easily be reversed. The appeal of Ancaster—both to residents and visitors—is closely tied to its scale, heritage, and sense of place. This will have a drastic affect on livability and the long-term economic and property value stability.

We ought to do what we can to preserve the integrity, scale, and character of this historic village for current residents and for future generations.

If intensification is being considered, there are more appropriate locations better suited to accommodate this scale of development without placing undue pressure on the historic core.

I would appreciate confirmation that this correspondence has been received and included as part of the public record.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Erin

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