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Subject: proposed development 140 Glen Echo Drive - former Glen Echo School - City Planning Meeting

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Dear Members;

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed building project at 140 Glen Echo Drive, the former site of Glen Echo School, by Losani Homes.

In Losani's update circulated to Corman Residents in February 2024, it stated "this presented an opportunity to repurpose an underutilized site for necessary housing". Actually, it was an opportunity for Losani, especially the way in which the property was acquired. The people of Ward 5 had no knowledge that it was up for sale and we had no representation at the time with a non elected counsellor and a sanctioned trustee in place- and during Covid. This was the perfect opportunity for Losani to "acquire" the property wasn't it? The City of Hamilton and the Board of Education should be ashamed that there were no conditions imposed for the sale of this property and that absolutely nothing was communicated about the sale of said property to this community.

The footprint of this neighborhood is all single family homes, mostly one floor, and in a low density area. Nobody in this neighborhood feels that the best use would be medium-density housing. The proposal that Losani Homes proposes to put up a mid rise building and townhomes on this site is unacceptable.

It really is a shame that the former school could not be maintained for an education centre or a senior's centre - both of which are needed. Having said that, I do support the need for more housing in the city and, in fact, would not be opposed to something **low density** to match the footprint of this long standing community.

There are so many issues that need to be addressed. The current school, Viola Desmond, is over capacity and has 8 portables on site. I understand that Glendale is over capacity as well and is moving to have to facilitate two lunch periods. Where are the children that move into this proposed building project supposed to go to school if the schools are currently in this over capacitated state? The issue of parking around the schools at pick up and drop off is already an accident waiting to happen. One can barely drive safely down Glen Echo or Rainbow Drive in the morning or after school. Adding over 264 units to this community will not work. Much concern about the infrastructure. We currently have dated and inadequate utilities. During the building of Viola Desmond, a huge overflow had to be put in so that adequate plumbing would work from all floors of the new school. Would Losani Homes have to replace all the utilities in the Corman area so that no more pressure is put on the already aged system we have?

I just think that the City of Hamilton and the Board of Education can do better for this community. We were not given an "opportunity" to have our voice heard when this property was sold in what seems to be a secretive way. If Losani Homes really are "committed to a transparent and collaborative planning

process" as they have stated in their information, I hope this plan can be reviewed again with a proposal that would best fit the Corman footprint.

Sincerely
Alison D'Atri