

DELEGAATION OPPOSING THE VANDYK APPROVAL
DONNA WOODS FOR THE PEOPLE OF WEST PARK

Dear Council,

I am representing the homeowners of West Park, opposing the Vandyk site approval Dec. 7, 2020.

First and foremost, the residents are not averse to growth and development in Cobourg by any means. It is this specific project prolonged since 2013 by Vandyk that has upset the community and your constituents. This goes back prior to the current elect council and we can appreciate your position with having to deal with this mess. Without a doubt, council must want to get this off the books as quickly as possible, once and for all, but we ask that you do not approve this proposal based on the enclosed information and that which will be given Dec. 7th on Zoom. Over the weekend I will be summarizing ALL of the letters and emails for that meeting with key words and phrases from each individual residents' letter and email that we ask will be taken into consideration.

This presentation will show that this plan is not beneficial to the community, its residents or for the future of Cobourg. Countless hours were spent on visits, interviews, letters, and emails with the hope that council too will understand how the people feel, the logistics from the ground point of view and not a satellite view, and what your decision with this plan could do to all involved, should it be approved.

You have already received the petition consisting of 164 West Park residents that was submitted by Linda Wittenbols. The petition did not include the many residents who were not home during the time the petition was circulated.

Included in this presentation are:

4 narrated pictures,

(only) 7 of the 40+ letters and 30 emails received from residents. I took the liberty of highlighting specific parts of these letters for your benefit and for time constraints. Please read them, especially the "Vandyk fight" by T. Baird

I also made 85-90 personal visits to homes over the past 4 weeks where seniors did not have access to computers, or they were afraid to give their names and get involved. I did record their comments but they can be referred to in the enclosed letters.

I have also attached a summarized list of serious complaints regarding Vandyk from Homestars, BBB, and Google review. It shows an overwhelming concern and questionable integrity with this company. All negative and should be taken into consideration! I did summarize for your benefit but the originals can be found on these above "review" sites.

The reports for this site stated that satellite views were used, which we all know looks great on paper but does not reflect real life people, traffic problems and. homeowner/property density, parking, speeders, and disrespect for our traffic laws, etc., etc. (see example on picture 3 & 4)

I have been reminded more times than I care to count from residents that the #1 major role of council (via the Ontario Municipal guidelines) has is responsible "to represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality. Copy attached. No disrespect intended. I have also been reminded in letters that they are your constituents and should not only be heard but listened to intently when deciding their fait and that of Cobourg's future.

Several (14+) residents were so upset with this plan when I visited that they want to move, because "this is not what we signed up for." "This is our home and we moved here for safety, and not a tragedy waiting to happen or we would have stayed in the city we came from.

As you know I have always been about the health and safety of residents, but there is a preponderance of evidence with this issue that supports NOT approving this Vandyk plan.

There has to be OPTIONS and ALTERNATIVES!

- 1 Let them sell to another more reputable builder so another site plan can be presented that makes more sense.
- 2 Rezone the property
- 3 Cobourg could buy the property. If the Vandyk plan is not approved the cost to buy would be minimal, because it is always about money as

Vandyk has proven when they sold these condos for \$280,000, and then realized they could get \$500,000-\$600,000. (spoken by a reputable person who had bought at that price and then the deal was cancelled)

- 4 Surely there must be a grant of some kind Cobourg could use to your advantage if Cobourg owned the property.

Thank you, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and council, for your consideration not to approve this plan, for listening to the residents involved, doing what is right for the betterment of everyone involved, and for the future of Cobourg.

Always with respect and appreciation,

Donna Woods