

Dear Town Council,

We are writing to voice our concern about the Vandyk subdivision resubmission. Although we signed the petition and I presented some of our concerns as residents of the 25 unit condominium at the corner of Rogers and Carlisle, **we do want to reconfirm our opposition of the project as planned.**

Luckily for us, the subdivision was not built when originally planned. **Maybe on paper it seemed like a good idea but based on the fact that most households have two cars and the area has seen a change in the demographics since we moved to Cobourg in 2011, the West Park subdivision is no longer a retirement community. We have far more families, working couples and much more car traffic. Then add in the New Amherst new traffic we have a very busy subdivision. We feel the town must reassess the viability of the current plan, it is not there.**

As reported in the past, the two developments were meant to “encourage foot traffic” ,well good luck with that with that bogus aspirational goal. So, what do we have? **We have very busy streets with tight passing. If cars are parked on one side of the street the “picturesque narrow streets” are now a nightmare”. So, throw in mail boxes where people are now stopping and we have very tight maneuvering space.**

As I stated at the meeting, our condominium’s one exit is what the new subdivision will have. **We have one exit which merges with the townhouse laneway to exit onto Carlisle. This is not great. Add some of the cars from the subdivision using our laneway to get out rather than being stuck at Greenly, it will make the chance of car accidents a lot more probable. The new subdivision is not amended will be more problematic as there would be 72 units with a potential 144 cars seeking to exit onto one street. As people from the meeting pointed out, the space will be so tight. The streets will be very busy and congested.**

As people who have townhouses on Carlisle will have their one and only exit which is the laneway, completely dependent on the shared exit on Greenly. That is a disaster waiting to happen.

The lack of a second exit makes it imperative for you to demand a reduction of units allowed to be built within the space. **You have the responsibility to take our current concerns into consideration.** As some of the council members stated, since the builder is not known and you do not know if they will respect the original design, you have the opportunity to rework the plan. **Why approve a project when the builder is not committed to it?**

Thanking you for your attention,

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