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I received your note regarding the Vandyk application to renew the proposed plan for the 72 unit subdivision in the area directly west of Canadian Tire. I have pasted below the note I submitted to the Town Clerk, in advance of the committee meeting last month, to address the concerns I have regarding the continuation of the project.

Attention Mr. Brent Larmer, Municipal Clerk, Town of Cobourg.

Dear Mr. Larmer,

While I would prefer to attend the above-mentioned meeting in person, I appreciate the opportunity to present my comments by email in light of the Covid-19 situation and include them herewith.

David Cameron

My wife and I have resided at the above address for 10 years. I attended a meeting at Victoria Hall a number of years ago, chaired by then Deputy Mayor Henderson, dealing with the Vandyk project in the area immediately to the west of Canadian Tire. I expressed my concerns then on two aspects of the building project and was assured that the planning department had considered and addressed the matters of increased traffic flow and the increased parking load in the neighborhood.

I believe that the 72 unit project has parking designed to provide 1.5 spaces per unit. This number anticipates the potential for 108 vehicles. According to the plan all those vehicles will have a singular point of ingress and egress to the new subdivision, that is via a proposed extension of Greenly Drive north from Carlisle Street.

My concern relates to this significant increase in traffic at the single choke point of Carlisle and Greenly. Simply stated there is a strong likelihood of the outflow of that traffic to travel south on Greenly Drive rather than either east or west on Carlisle Street. This will negatively affect both the existing calmness of our traffic flow but also the safety of the many pedestrians who utilize the street.

Secondly, when inevitably the available parking within the proposed "enclave" of this subdivision outgrows the designated space, the consequent overflow parking will move out onto Greenly Drive and Carlisle Street, causing traffic flow and safety issues on both streets.

Recognizing the benefits to the Town of additional housing that enhances the existing subdivisions of West Park and New Amherst I am not suggesting that the subdivision not be built, however, there is clearly a need to consider two important additional elements:

An expansion of the parking allotment within the enclave and
consideration of alternative or additional entrances and exits from the development.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my thoughts on this important matter. Sincerely, David Cameron