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Request to speak at the Committee of Adjustments dated May 22, 2024 regarding application Numbers, Brampton; A-2024-0041- 4 Alderway Avenue

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I wish to advise that my wife, Alexandra McKay, and I will be attending the Committee of Adjustments meeting on May 22, 2024, with the specific aim of articulating concerns regarding the variances presented for the property located at 4 Alderway Avenue in Brampton.

This communication will focus on public safety and the preservation of the Ridge Hill Manor neighborhood as a mature neighbourhood. It is my understanding that this classification was established in 2014.

The property is located on a corner lot at Greystone Crescent and Alderway Avenue, right next to another corner lot, at Alderway Avenue and Kingsview. The combination of two corner lots adjacent means that anyone leaving the property by car, must be vigilant for oncoming cars driving past both sides of the property. .... The property is also in close proximity to an elementary public school. Many parents drive to the school to drop off/pick up their children at approximately the same time every morning. In addition, there are no sidewalks on Alderway Avenue.

The Ridge Hill Manor children walking to school have to travel, through this busy traffic area, where the property is located. During peak school arrival and departure times, the number of cars that drive past the property or park along Alderway and Kingsview increases substantially, creating blind spots for drivers turning left on to Alderway (from Kingsview) as well as drivers exiting from the 4 Alderway driveway. Furthermore, since there are no sidewalks on Alderway, the children tend to walk in the middle of the street because of the number of cars parked along both sides of the street... Many drivers are in a hurry to get their children to school on time or in a hurry to get to work, after dropping their children off at the school. It is common for there to be numerous "U" turns performed every morning and afternoon which also adds additional congestion and increases the potential of an accident.

Enforcement has tried to reduce the risks by ticketing the cars that are parked illegally but this has unfortunately stopped illegal parking on Brenda street (the street the School is on) but forced the cars to park on Alderway; thus, increasing the congestion and creating many of the blind spots. The driveway on 4 Alderway is a two-car driveway. It is currently larger or the same size as many of the driveways in the neighborhood. Because of the current traffic concerns, I see no reason to increase the width of the driveway to allow additional cars to park and travel to and from this property. At a minimum, these high risks situations need to be mitigated before adding additional volume to this problem.

The second reason for not supporting the planned adjustments is because of the impact of increasing the size of the driveway on the mature tree on the property. Of principle concern is the beautiful tree on the front lawn of the property on the Alderway side. Based on the size of the tree, the root system appears to extend next to the side of the current front lawn path which is adjacent to the driveway. The

expansion of the driveway would clearly extend well past the front path and the amount of asphalt needed for the extension would clearly cover the root system of the tree, Has an impact study been conducted on this and if not, a decision should be delayed until an appropriate analysis has been conducted.

If time allows, I would like to speak at the meeting and this email can be made available to the public.

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