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87 Grassington Crescent

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August 10, 2024

City of Brampton

Secretary Treasurer

Committee of Adjustment, City Clerk's Office

2 Wellington Street, West

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Re: Committee of Adjustment Application Number: A-2024-0241

11 Gatewood Drive, Brampton, ON

Plan 860, Lot 109, Ward 8

Without Prejudice

Dear Sirs,

We grant authorization to post the following correspondence on the subject agenda. Thank you for allowing us to participate with our written response.

To clarify the subject application for minor variance, we are to understand the homeowner is requesting a variance for the driveway expansion completed in the summer of 2023. Furthermore, the reason for the expansion is to accommodate the homeowner's personal vehicles and at least two, unmarked, commercial cargo vans used for the owner's business.

Our concerns are:

- The end result of the driveway expansion is an unsightly parking lot over 15 meters wide in a residential neighbourhood which may set a precedent for others to follow.
- The root system of a mature tree is partially covered by the driveway. Was the City of Brampton arborist consulted on the stress this structure may cause to the fifty-year-old plus maple tree located directly adjacent to the driveway on this property?
- The driveway further reduces permeable matter in the neighbourhood. The residents of Grassington Crescent, Grassington Court and Gatewood Drive have experienced sewer backups in 2005, 2013 and 2024. The 2005 and 2013 incidents were severe, stressful and costly with many households affected. The July 16, 2024 incident was less severe with approximately five households affected.

Yours truly,

Thomas Bernhardt and Leila Topham