

July 29, 2021

Via Email

Jeanie Myers, Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment, City Clerk's Office
City of Brampton

Dear Ms. Myers:

RE: Application for Minor Variance - 5 Isabella Street (Lot 15, Plan BR-8)
Application # A-2021-0142

I am writing with respect to the above-noted Application and to submit my objection to the variances requested.

The City of Brampton established a Mature Neighbourhood Area and our neighbourhood is in that area. The proposed structure at 5 Isabella Street in no way adheres to the spirit any of the zoning by-law requirements set by the City of Brampton. The variances requested are to make an already extremely large structure larger and that is not in keeping with our mature neighbourhood designation.

The proposed build at 5 Isabella Street does not at all take into consideration the surrounding neighbourhood homes which are single family dwellings, most of which are now over 100 years old. While our area is in the Mature Neighbourhood Area, it is also part of the historic Washington Block neighbourhood. My house is heritage listed (6 Isabella) and – as noted by the Brampton Heritage Board in the paperwork related to my heritage listing – my property contributes “to the heritage value of the streetscape and the historic Washington Block neighbourhood, as well as adding to the character and identity of the downtown”. Given the proposed structure is directly across from my house, I believe that the same principles of contributing to the streetscape and identity of the neighbourhood should apply.

The application states at question 4 – “Why is it not possible to comply with the provisions of the by law?” Answer: *“The proposed development considers the historical comments received from the site plan application SPA-2021-0038 and create a design suitable to the area. Side yard relief is requested to accomplish a build of a sufficient 2 car garage....”* The proposed design is the opposite of suitable to the area. It is a 3600 square foot home with a 2 car garage. Through MPAC, I note that there are no single family homes on Isabella Street between 2500 and 3500 square feet, nor any with attached two car garages. Walking around our neighbourhood, I’m not sure how you can say the design is suitable to the area.

I urge the Committee of Adjustments to deny the requested variances. In doing so, I hope that the applicants will reconsider the proposed structure they wish to build and conform it to the neighbourhood they are building in - a mature neighbourhood, an historic neighbourhood and a neighbourhood that takes care of its heritage.

Thank you for your consideration.

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