Comments for Application for Variance #A-2023-0008

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We would like to register concerns for the above noted application for variance, and for the additional significant renovation that is being considered along with it.

The home is currently a 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath single family residence in a neighborhood of similar residences. The proposal would double the footprint and change the home to an 8 bedroom, 5.5 bath residence, including a 3 bedroom basement apartment.

While the variances requested seem minor, it is the overall larger scale renovation/addition that become part and parcel of these variances that we oppose.

The home is currently not well maintained on the exterior, and it is unknown who or how many people reside at the location. It is suspected that rooms and/or basement are already rented out casually or longer term based on the number of people coming and going and the number of cars that rotate at the residence.

It is suspected that this large addition would double or possibly triple the available occupancy. We can only assume based on the current home's usage that this will become a large rooming house or student housing, and that the current poorly kept condition would continue.

Our home is next door to this home and we have a concern that our property and its value may be impacted, and that the traffic will be overwhelming on such a small street.

The driveway has already been significantly widened, including a large concrete walkway, which allows cars to park 3 wide and 2 deep. Most nights the driveway is already full, with additional cars/trucks/trailers parked on the street. Parking would be a real issue with additional occupancy.

The external property is currently not well maintained and by-law should show records of this. These include:

- an 8+ foot fence at the back of the property facing the park is not properly built or secured and is simply staked in the ground ad zip-tied to a chain link fence, and has been collapsing since installation
- this fence hides the debris that is left to gather in the yard regularly
- the yard includes a natural gas line to a fire pit, which may or may not be to code. We did address this with the homeowners when they originally placed it right next to the shared fence which was very close to our home and presented a fire concern. They moved it to a more centred area of the yard.
- lawn maintenance is very sporadic
- the front lawn was completely dug up 2.5 years ago when the driveway was significantly widened and was left as a dirt lot which has grown into a weed lot. Weeds are knocked down only when they grow quite high
- garbage bins are often overflowing, or debris is left in the yard or side of the house

Attached are photos to support our concerns.

With thanks,

Chris and Kim Boydell 52 Caledon Crescent Brampton, ON

Parking Feb 9/23 - 3 lanes wide plus truck on road



Oversized Fence – no posts, only staked plus zip-tied to chain link fence



Front of Home – no lawn for 2+ years, usually high weeds



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