

Monday July 3, 2023.

To Jeanie Myers, Secretary-Treasurer:

We are writing to oppose the application of # A-2023-0177 submitted by Shahbaj Lehal and Iqbal Kaur and to express our thoughts and concerns on this matter.

When we bought our property back in 2008, we were overjoyed to have found a great detached single family residential home, with lots of potential for our kids to grow up happy and healthy.

The construction of this Garden Suite will have a negative impact on this close knit community which is a family friendly neighbourhood. Building this garden suite on the neighbouring property will convert this single family home into a commercial property. The owners already have tennants in the basement, it's a full apartment with its own entrance.

We feel this construction will only benefit the applicants in more ways than one, bringing the value and the desirability of the neighbouring properties down. We are very concerned for the amount of people who will be living and renting next door. This structure directly faces our property which will be an eyesore and take away the privacy and peace our backyard used to provide for us. (See picture attached of the existing shed and proximity/visibility).

Their driveway and the cul-de-sac in front does not have adequate parking spots to accomodate their tenants, guests and family vehicles. There has been too many instances where their guests have parked blocking our driveway and we have asked them on numerous occasions to move their vehicles. Sometimes they will park in the middle of the court, which makes it difficult for people to reverse out of their driveways or drive into them. They currently have 3 vehicles: a truck, a van, and a sedan. The truck and the van don't fit in their driveway so they are always sticking out into the cul-de-sac. This makes it difficult for the neighbours and ourselves to back out of our own respective driveways or drive in to them because it creates blindspots. This is a hazardous and dangerous situation for all the kids who live in the court and play outside. (see photos attached). If they are allowed to build that garden suite under the current circumstances, where are the additional tennants going to be parking their vehicles?

The City Garbage trucks, school buses and snow plows have difficulties going around the circle because their van or trucks stick out onto the road. The snow plows are not able to clean the court properly because their vehicles overhang on the road. This leaves us with the difficult task of shoveling the road at least a meter from our driveways to dig ourselves out everytime we have a heavy snowfall. (Please see photos attached.)

Everyone is entitled to build and improve their land and property, respectfully staying within the Zoning By-laws. However, when it starts to negatively impacting our property values, our privacy, the city's ability to provide us with proper public services, as well as putting our children's lives at risk, then that is not acceptable.

Sincerely,

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