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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Four Storey Stacked Townhouses on Neighbourhood Connector

Streets

Mr. Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors,

We object to the proposed amendment to allow Four Storey Stacked Townhouses on Neighbourhood Connector Streets.

This type of housing is too dense for existing single-family neighbourhoods and will negatively impact their current character and ambience.

The ever-increasing traffic on these Connector Streets is already a noise issue for neighbours, without adding dozens more units and their vehicles.

While we recognize the need for more dense housing forms in the R-1 zoning, a typical two storey townhouse is more in keeping with the ground-oriented lifestyle of the existing houses.

By adding a stacked townhouse model, you are doubling the number of units.

The stacked type of density is more appropriate along Major Arterials, with higher built forms at their intersections.

The attempt to push this blanket zoning amendment through without neighbourhood consultation and feedback is a direct affront to democratic decision making.

We see single -family homes in our area being converted to multiple rental apartments, and there are many single-family homes rented to families and students, all without destroying the neighbourhood because they are on a manageable scale.

The stacked townhouse model is a step too far.

Please defer this proposal and hold public consultation meetings to gauge the true depth of resistance to this proposal.

Unless you don't care and are willing to sacrifice existing neighbourhoods at the expense of more housing units regardless of the outcome.

Thank you.

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PS: We give consent to have this letter included in the public agenda.