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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Proposed land use recommendations

>> The following letter is in respect to the proposed land use changes going to Council on Tuesday, and we give consent for this to be part of the public agenda.

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>> We are extremely dismayed at the thought that Council would give such far reaching recommendations consideration without public consultation. We are also very concerned that the proposed changes, particularly with respect to the four storey stacked townhouses, would have many negative impacts which would detrimentally affect the city for a very long time.

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>> Perhaps the most important question among the many surrounding this proposed recommendation is: how and who would it help?

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>> Not the homeless; that is a very complex and separate discussion.

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>> Not the young people with or without families who want to get into the housing market but can't afford it.

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>> Not seniors, for whom such buildings would represent a physical challenge without a future.

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>> Not the students, who already have many options spread across multiple neighbourhoods, with hopefully more being planned close to the related educational institutions.

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>> Not the existing property owners, who stand only to lose sunlight, air, forest canopy, and property value.

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>> Not the neighbourhoods these streets supposedly connect but which instead provide runways for traffic and parking madness (in addition to the bike lanes recently expanded similarly because of available funding).

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>> Not the city's residents and visitors, who benefit from the architectural interest and historical character of the older properties being torn down.

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>> Not the city which is already haunted by so many vacant and/or derelict residential and commercial properties which could be evaluated for repurposing.

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>> Not the population, which would pay the price for decades for a rushed and rash decision to approve four storey stacked townhouses, driven by the current availability of funding and without public consultation. The availability of funding does not excuse poor planning or lack of consultation. It is not Council's job to spend available money; it is Council's responsibility to do what is right for the public who will have to live with the results of its actions for many years.

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>> Considering the long list of groups who would be detrimentally affected by approval of these recommendations by Council, is there any group which would benefit? Only developers and landlords. This isn't the city we moved to with such high hopes almost three years ago. Is it the city you wish to leave for all of us to live with for years to come?

Thank you.

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