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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Four storey townhouses

*I would like to have my letter added to the agenda regarding Item 3 Scheduled Item 3.6 c on page 412 of the agenda from September 10th 2024: Permit stacked townhouses up to four storeys in height along all streets classified as Neighbourhood Connectors.*

Hello Mayor and Councillors,

I want to express my concern about the lack of public consultation to regarding the zoning changes that would allow four storey townhomes on all neighbourhood connectors. I request that there is public consultation meeting before final decisions are made.

I am personally in favour of densification. I appreciate all efforts the city is doing to help with the housing crisis and to lessen our impact on the environment with bike lanes and any investments in public transit.

But, I think we need to slow this process down to allow for thoughtful discussion about this zoning change. I find this very problematic that I was not informed of this change though I live on one of these neighbourhood connectors, and I find it extremely upsetting that there was a last minute change that opens up this zoning change across the whole city. People are completely unaware of this change. To me this change feels lazy, and lacking thought. This has major impacts for all neighbourhoods in the city, and citizens have not been consulted!

I live on one of these connector streets and I am in favour of 2 story townhouse developments. There are some in Old North and many in Old South that fit in with the neighbourhoods. Even three stories I can try to get behind. Four storeys is excessively tall, and would tower above current heritage single family homes. It changes neighbourhood

feel, blocks the sky and sun, and impacts property values. Again, I am for densification, but not as it is currently proposed.

Though I would hope an increase in supply would ultimately help the housing crisis, I fear that these four storey townhomes will likely be luxury accommodations and will not be affordable for those in need. I would appreciate more efforts by the city into the creation of affordable housing now for our unhoused or at risk of being unhoused.

I think these four storey townhomes would make more sense on neighbourhood connectors close to major intersections. For example, in my neighbourhood, on Colborne close to Oxford, or on Cheapside close to Richmond. I do not understand how a four storey townhome on a street in the Old Hunt Club neighbourhood, for example, makes any logical sense. Maybe in that neighbourhood close to Oxford or Hyde Park, but not on all neighbourhood connectors.

I ask for you to slow this process down, inform Londoners of this potentially massive change, and have a public consultation meeting.

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