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Subject: [EXTERNAL] proposed Catholic Highschool at 1927 Richmond St

To Whom it may concern

My wife/family and I live in the Uplands subdivision that is directly opposite the site of the proposed new high school at 1927 Richmond St.

I would like to say that we are absolutely opposed to such a development or use of the lands for such a purpose.

I have attended many city planning committee meetings over the past many years (I have been a resident of this neighbourhood since 1995 and have resided in more than one home in the Uplands subdivision) and we (the people of the neighbourhood and the city planners of the day) have worked hard over the years to achieve a plan that directs the growth and development of the lands in this area. Each time an "amendment" or an "exception" is made to the original plan, it demonstrates a complete disregard for all of the previous vision and planning and work and time that was done and put in place to prevent the haphazard and piecemeal approach to the development of this area of the city. The result each time this type of "short-sighted" exception is allowed to proceed, will always result in major traffic disruptions & congestion, safety issues for the neighbourhood as well as the intended users of such a development and an "unintended look" for the area which then ultimately creates an imbalance of the future plans for the development of the area.

Additionally, it is upsetting to think that a home and its surrounding lands with so much historic value and importance and beauty will be paved over for a school that could go anywhere in the open/adjacent lands. I have to believe and know that there is ample room in the open areas outside of this lot in particular, where the placement of schools has been provided for.

The proposed location of this school is not only dangerous in itself (opening onto a highway), but would also pose a significant disruption and significant safety concerns to the already congested and busy traffic flow in the area.

This is absolutely the wrong place for this proposed high school development.

I look forward to hearing and learning more (and speaking out against) this proposed and unplanned development and use of these lands.

Gerald Cook & family

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"life long resident of the Uplands Neighbourhood"