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Subject: Written Concerns About Proposed Tricar Development at 230 North Centre Rd.

Hello,

My name is Denis and I live at 185 North Centre Road. I have lived at this address since 2009. I have a number of concerns with the proposed Tricar residential tower at 230 North Centre Rd.; however, I'm sure many residents in this neighbourhood will address a majority of my concerns, so I'd like to focus on one concern in particular.

My concern is for the neighbouring retirement home residents at Richmond Woods Retirement Village. There are often many of them walking on the sidewalks and crossing North Centre Rd. while they're using various mobility aids; sometimes, they do not cross at the nearest light at North Centre Rd. and Richmond St. but, rather, they walk outside of this pedestrian crosswalk area, crossing North Centre Rd. north/south, in order to save time. Oftentimes, even if they crossed at this nearest pedestrian crosswalk, the light changes so quickly that anyone with mobility issues would not have time to properly cross in any available direction. The increased traffic from a high density residential tower, like the proposed Tricar tower, would undoubtedly lead to accidents and, possibly, fatalities. Already the traffic on North Centre Rd. is much heavier than a few years ago due to the new housing developments just north of here. Increasing the population with a high-density tower situated directly on North Centre Rd. will only lead to greater (unsustainable) vehicle volume and will put these senior residents in direct danger.

It is already difficult enough for my wife and I - who are two able-bodied adults - to safely walk along North Centre Rd. (e.g. my wife was almost hit twice in broad daylight: once by a car exiting the commercial plaza at 235 North Centre Rd. and again while crossing at the North Centre Rd. and Richmond St. lights by a southbound vehicle turning left from Richmond St. onto North Centre Rd.). The vehicle traffic as a result of this proposed development will make walking unsustainable, particularly for those residents with mobility issues. Indeed, it's important that Council be concerned about the impact of overdevelopment of this pre-established low/medium density neighbourhood. It's even more important, however, to consider the pre-established demographics of this community and those demographics include a large retirement home with several residents that have mobility issues. Overdevelopment of this neighbourhood will undoubtedly impact their safety.

Best,

Denis