

Parker, Charles

From: Paul Cortese
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To: Parker, Charles
Subject: Beaufort/Irwin/Gunn/Saunby/Essex (BIGS) Neighbourhood study

Mr. Parker:

We have been residents of Cedar Avenue for close to 40 years. I have been provided with a copy of the "Urban Village" draft of Oct. 2012.

I had not been aware that this grand plan also included Cedar Ave. until now.

Why Cedar Ave, would be included is beyond us.

With all due respect to our neighbours on Beaufort/Irwin et al, the neighbourhoods do not compare.

Cedar Ave. has always been a single family street with very few students in residence. Until a couple of years ago, students may have been taken in as borders or rented a room with the owners maintaining the residence.

The properties on Cedar are somewhat different than the principal streets in the study. The houses are on larger, nicely landscaped lots and largely were built in the mid-late '50s. They are a superior construction and have for years been well maintained by the resident owners.

The few houses in the block which have been bought by absentee landlords are showing the signs of student housing. Lawns and gardens are unkempt, flyers are left on porches and garbage is often put out on any day but collection day. Landlords have spoken to me of damage sustained over the school year without recourse. My next door neighbour moved his family of five two years ago due to student parties with noise and language not suitable for children.

Cedar Ave. is a street where neighbours walk their dogs and seniors take an evening walk around the block. It is a haven from the busy environs of Western Road and beyond. Most traffic is local and it is not a thoroughfare.

We would certainly like our concerns brought to the attention of The Planning and Environment Committee and plan to be at the meeting Monday Nov.26 along with others of the Cedar Ave. Neighbourhood Committee.

Yours truly,
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