

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – 943 Fanshawe Park Road West and 1800 Aldersbrook Gate (Z-9108)

- Alex Mercer, 1819 Aldersbrook Gate – pointing out that Aldersbrook Gate, where he lives, on the south side of Fanshawe Park Road, has eighteen residential units at that location; noting that it was constructed over thirty years ago and is three hundred feet in length; advising that it was a short, quiet residential street surrounded by farm land and there has been an explosion of residential and commercial units within that area both north, south, east and west of Aldersbrook Gate; at that time the City officials in his view did not take into account that explosion of residential and commercial units that would have an effect on Aldersbrook Gate and there is tremendous traffic that resides in Aldersbrook Gate, most of it is cut through and it conditions the residents to be very frustrated to try and get some relief; indicating that they have been writing to the City officials for probably four years to try and get some relief and they have not heard anything at all; there has been no response other than it can handle the traffic; well, quite frankly, they do not live on that street; the residents and their kids cannot enjoy the peace and tranquility that you should have in a residential neighbourhood with such a short street; putting this project forward is going to create more traffic, more traffic problems and more incidents of accidents at Aldersbrook Gate and Fanshawe Park Road; suggesting that it be put on hold and the City officials come and meet with the residents of Aldersbrook Gate to try and find solutions to the situation that they now face because the traffic is horrendous, people come in and turn in their driveways, they cannot enjoy the street and it is certainly in violation of your traffic calming policy which says that cut through traffic, parties have to work together to try and come up with some solutions and, to date, they have no satisfactory response from any of the City officials; he would suggest very strongly that this application be put on hold and that the City officials meet with the residents of Aldersbrook Gate to try to come up with a satisfactory resolution; we have been giving the City officials a number of other alternatives that would solve some of the problems and they have not had any feedback or anything at all; they have been in touch with the Mayor, we have been in touch with the Councillor, Josh Morgan, and to date there has been nothing and it has been nothing but frustrating for the residents; we want the street back to what it was; recognizing that traffic is not going to go away but there are a number of things that can be done to limit the increase in traffic and stop the cut through traffic that is stopping people from enjoying their property.
- Gregg Priamo, Zelinka Priamo Limited, on behalf of the developer, Loco Developments – the Principle, Bob Cabral, is with him tonight; advising that they have studied the staff report very carefully and the staff report was thorough and they have no issues with the planning analysis that was put forward and they encourage the Planning and Environment Committee to support the staff's recommendation; with respect to the traffic, he cannot speak to what is happening south of Fanshawe Park Road but he does not know that they are a very small development, they are only twenty-seven units and their traffic analysis had suggested about twelve additional cars in the peak period and less than that in the AM peak and less than that in the PM peak and they have worked hard with City staff and with their vendor of these lands to establish a joint access arrangement between the CC lands in the front and their property which will, in the future perhaps, prevent additional access being needed on Fanshawe Park Road and maybe that will assist in the ongoing traffic issues that are prevalent in the area; with those things being said they certainly encourage the Planning and Environment Committee to approve the recommendations and bring it forward to Council.