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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Upper Richmond Village Plaza

Hello all,

I'm writing this evening to provide my feedback on the proposed land, designated for commercial use in the Upper Richmond Village area at Sunningdale and Richmond. While I'm a fairly new comer to the area, the originally proposed use for the land being a village/neighbourhood shopping center was actually a selling feature for us moving in. We moved from Hyde Park and Gainsborough that in itself is exactly what is being proposed now at this corner. All this big box retail doesn't create community. We have the big box stores down the street at Calamity Corners and Masonville mall and having small retailers in this area would be a real bonus to this area of town. I envision going and shopping at a butcher, bakery and a farmers market grocery store - supporting local not having another big box store with more parking space then the store itself. It could feel intimate and provide a space for our neighbourhood to "hang out" at a local cafe or restaurant. I've seen the original drawings and concepts for the space and would like to see council and the committee make a recommendation to not support more big box retail in already a very congested retail area. The idea of calling this section of town 'Village' and then go against that and provide more big box retail seems contradictory.

Sincerely,

Stewart L.

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