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Dear Colleagues,

On July 26th the Planning and Environment Committee voted down item 2.1 the “Oxford Wonderland Secondary Plan Terms of Reference” following questions from a number of Councillors regarding the prioritization of this secondary plan when no “west leg” of rapid transit has approval at this time, while the approved south leg of rapid transit “the Wellington Gateway” has not yet received secondary plan terms of reference or work to date.

It should be noted at the same PEC meeting an infill development at Dearness and Bradley (which would be in the secondary plan area for the Wellington Gateway) was deferred to Council. Development pressures are happening in numerous areas of the city, including along the approved rapid transit corridors. In order to give the rapid transit lines and infill projects the best chance of success and make the optimum use of staff time, it is our belief that prioritization of secondary plan developments should be focused on the approved rapid transit corridors at this time.

To that end we propose the following amendment to the committee recommendation to item 2.1 from the PEC agenda:

“that civic administration be directed to prioritize the development of the secondary plan for the Wellington Gateway corridor; and that staff be directed to report back at a future PEC meeting regarding the timing of future secondary plan development that prioritize the “transit village” place types identified in the London Plan”

Sincerely,

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