

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

### 3.6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – 1150 Fanshawe Park Road East – Public Site Plan Meeting (SPA21-050)

- Councillor Squire: Staff presentation please. Thank you. Any technical questions for staff? There being none is the applicant here?
- Barb Westlake-Power: Mr. Chair we've had some people drop off the Zoom so if you would like see if we have anybody in the Committee Rooms and I will let you know if someone else joins.
- Councillor Squire: Sure. That would be great. In the Committee Room anybody wish to comment on this development? Fanshawe Park Road East. Go ahead. You have five minutes.
- I am a resident at 1243 Howlett Circle and also the house owner so I would just speak for myself. I am strongly against the construction plan of 1150 Fanshawe Park Road East and mainly for two reasons. First, this is an apartment building and has a very high elevation and in the upper level of the apartment building it will have a very nice view of our backyards so essentially we have a great loss of privacy and our houses are under the supervision, under the seeing of all the residents of the apartment building and especially consider that our community of the Howlett Circle we have a lot of small kids and a lot of children are playing by the street and in the backyard every day so this building of the high apartment building is really concerning for us about our own privacy and also the security for our kids. This is my first main point why I am so very against the building of the apartment construction. Like alternative thing like building townhouse or single houses I think many of the residents will find it acceptable but building high apartment in a neighbourhood that has a lot of single houses with very young families, I don't think it is a very good decision and it won't be a good mixture of the community. Secondly, it is now a small forested area and it has a lot of bushes and trees and it is a natural habitat of a lot of small animals so I can spot groundhogs, deer, rabbits in my backyard so I am concerned that if we are erasing this bush area it will be a big disaster for the local animals and it will destroy the local balance for the small animals. I think from an environmental perspective, I am also strongly against the plan of building the apartment building.
- Councillor Squire: Thank you very much.
- Resident: Thank you.
- Councillor Squire: Is there anyone else in the Committee Room who wishes to speak? No. Now is there someone on the Zoom call who wishes to speak?
- Heather Lysynski, Committee Clerk: Through you Mr. Chair, we do not have anyone at this time; however, I have been advised that the applicant is trying to get on.
- Councillor Squire: Alright. Why don't we wait a few moments for that. Anything yet? Okay. It's just a question of how long are we going to have to wait or do we have any idea? I guess not. Sure.
- Barb Westlake-Power: Mr. Chair, we do have somebody joining by phone. I'm going to apologize in advance for the pronunciation. Yudhbir Parmar.
- Councillor Squire: Okay. Are you on the line? Hello? Hello? Yes. Hello?

- Yudhbir Parmar: Yes, I can hear you sir.
- Councillor Squire: Okay. I can hear you too so you have got five minutes so if you'd like to go ahead and start any time you like.
- Yudhbir Parmar: Has anybody else spoken?
- Councillor Squire: Yes. Other people have spoken.
- Yudhbir Parmar: So I have missed the bus.
- Councillor Squire: You missed, you missed just one person I think. Go ahead.
- Yudhbir Parmar: I am a resident of 1253 Howlett Circle and the building which is coming up, it's entrance is going to be just opposite to my backyard and what I see is that all along from south to north there are the Northern Spruce trees. It's only in my area which is about forty feet that there is one berry tree. I'm just wondering because as per the old plan, these trees are to be cut. My worry is, my question is, are they retaining these Northern Spruces. Apparently, they have been numbered as, all the trees have been numbered. I'm more worried about the trees 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, five of them because I went to, what information you have given us, maybe I am a layman but it doesn't provide me what's going to happen there. I was also thinking because it's only my area, about forty feet, which doesn't have any trees there and apparently the entrance of the building is going to be from the side so the lights will directly fall on my house. Sir, is it possible for you, even before all the construction starts, can they work on the plantation part of the, have some Spruce trees planted there?
- Councillor Squire: I will ask that question. Hello?
- Yudhbir Parmar: Yes.
- Councillor Squire: You are worried about trees 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and the lights on your house and you are looking at Spruce trees to be planted.
- Yudhbir Parmar: Yes. Even before they do anything at least because mine is the barren area and the lights will fall very steep on my house.
- Councillor Squire: Okay. Is there anything else you wish to say?
- Yudhbir Parmar: One more thing is I am not sure what type their garbage collection site is going to be and unfortunately that's also going to be just opposite of my house just not even ten meters from my backyard. Is there any plan for them to cover it up or, I don't know, is there any solution for that?
- Councillor Squire: I will ask.
- Yudhbir Parmar: Thank you sir.
- Councillor Squire: Thank you. Anything else?
- Yudhbir Parmar: I think I am good, sir. Thank you for giving me an opportunity.
- Councillor Squire: You are more than welcome. Thanks for coming. Have a good evening.
- Yudhbir Parmar: Good evening sir.

- Councillor Squire: I saw some other people coming on the screen.
- Heather Lysynski, Committee Clerk: Through you Mr. Chair, I believe Yanyou Chen.
- Yanyou Chan: Yes. Do I get a chance to talk, to speak?
- Councillor Squire: Okay. Go ahead.
- Yanyou Chan: Should I turn my video on? I'm happy to do that.
- Councillor Squire: If you would like, it's up to you. You can speak, just speak or you can put your video on.
- Yanyou Chen: The host has stopped me from.
- Councillor Squire: There you are.
- Yanyou Chen: I am a resident at 1243 Howlett Circle which is, based on complaints, not by the construction but I do have very strong concern of the privacy. I would be much more comfortable if the new construction is for stand-alone houses or for like townhouses but this is an apartment for six storeys and if you check the neighbourhood, most of the neighbourhood houses are stand-alone houses. It means you are basically building a tower in the neighbourhood and like the six storey apartment is very close to the neighbourhood. I am just wondering because we are facing the backyard of most of the houses so how are you going to protect the privacy from, so people just staring out of their houses so they can see everything in the neighbourhood so my foremost concern would be the privacy given the distance. I would imagine there would be some instructions on how high the building can be if that makes sense. That's.
- Councillor Squire: I understand.
- Yanyou Chen: That's my first concern. I do also have some concerns about the environmental damage this might cause to the place because I would occasionally see all kinds of wild animals in the area that is designated to be an apartment. We are also not sure about is there going to be any environmental damage to the neighbourhood? I would say those would be the, two of my most important concerns and I already explained. I think the construction is just like building new stand-alone houses or townhouses like what the neighbourhood is already so I would be much more comfortable having that but given the neighbourhood there is no six storey apartment in the neighbourhood and I do not see any facility that can facilitate living or the large population of the apartment. I am pretty surprised by the plans for, to build a six storey apartment.
- Councillor Squire: Okay. Anything further?
- Yanyou Chen: I think that will be it and thank you very much.
- Councillor Squire: Thank you.
- Heather Lysynski, Committee Clerk: Through you Mr. Chair, we do have Michelle Doornbosch, the applicant, on the line.
- Councillor Squire: Okay. Go ahead.

- Michelle Doornbosch, Brock Development Group: Thank you Mr. Chair, Members of Council. I apologize for my technical issues. Thank you for giving me the time to jump onto this call this afternoon. I have had a chance to review the staff report, we've continued to work with staff on the site plan application. We have no issues with anything, any of the information provided by staff with regards to our application. With regards to fencing we are proposing fencing around the entire perimeter of the property along the north and west property lines. We want to ensure we have consistency with the fencing around the entire perimeter. The westerly trees are to remain, we have proposed those from the outset of this application, even prior to the rezoning application. Our long-term intent has always been to maintain the large established Spruce trees and we have incorporated them into the design and we've looked at them extensively and very closely with the Landscape Architect to ensure that any change to the design will ensure that those trees remain. That's the number one priority for us with regards to this application. Garbage collection, that is internal to the building, we do have a little bit of overflow in the parking lot but the primary garbage collection is inside the building and will be brought out on garbage collection day, that's typical of any multi-unit residential building. If there's any other questions I'd be happy to answer them. I think I might have missed some comments in between trying to log on here but if any of the public has additional comments or the Committee Members have any comments I'd be happy to answer them for you.
- Councillor Squire: Okay. There was one member of the public was asking about particular trees. Numbers 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 and whether they were coming down.
- Michelle Doornbosch, Brock Development Group: Those are the large, through you Mr. Chair, those are the large Spruce trees.
- Councillor Squire: Yep.
- Michelle Doornbosch, Brock Development Group: They are intended to be retained. Yes.
- Councillor Squire: Alright. He was also concerned, I don't know if you heard him, about lights on his house. Would the Spruce trees help with that or is that a different issue?
- Michelle Doornbosch, Brock Development Group: That is part of the Spruce trees but the updated fencing will ensure that the trees together with the fencing will reduce any light issues into the backyards of those existing houses.
- Councillor Squire: Alright. He asked about the garbage collection. I think you addressed that. The outside area that has garbage, what is that, is it covered?
- Michelle Doornbosch, Brock Development Group: Those are earth bins so they are the deep well bins so it eliminates any smell issues and that's typically just for overflow. What we have found is holidays, things like that, Christmas, the garbage room, when there's extra garbage, tends to overflow so we have the outdoor collection for those particular occasions where we just don't have enough room in the building.
- Councillor Squire: Great. Thank you. Are there any other submissions? No. We'll have to close the public participation meeting.