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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] 286 High St

Hi Leif,

Thanks for providing this.

As I mentioned on the call this morning my biggest concern with the development is ensuring myself, and my neighbours have adequate privacy. Looking at the site plan a community garden is proposed to go near our fence line. My concern with garden is maintenance of it, and who will realistically make sure it stays in good form. I think a better use of the space, and to also give the privacy my young family, and my neighbours young families would be planting a row of evergreens to shield us.

Evergreens at ideally a minimum 8 feet would give us some privacy to our backyards and pools. With a 3 storey building and the current layout the new residence could easily peer into our backyard at anytime. Evergreens are much better than maples as we will have year round coverage, and there is ample space for them to go there.

All of us bought homes anticipating a much needed park would be going there, and since that isn't happening I think at the very least the city could be planting a dense row of trees along the fence line, as realistically a chain linked fence does nothing for privacy. Going from nothing in our backyards to 42 new units is a drastic increase and this would be a start to help put us at ease.

Lastly, noting that we are a heritage home, by far the oldest in the area and we do lots to preserve it, and giving it adequate protection with these evergreens would help in its preservation into the future.

Thanks,

Alex