

Arthur Thompson – 307 Sunningdale Road East – May 14, 2022

Hello Mr. de Ceuster,

Please include this letter in any further public meetings. I am writing today regarding my concerns with the proposed development at 307 Sunningdale Road East - specifically regarding tree loss and demolition of the old farmhouse.

I would like the applicants to consider repurposing the old house by splitting it into multiple apartments, perhaps with condos positioned around the old structure. There is precedent for this - heritage farmhouses at 2096 Wonderland Road North, 1154 Sunningdale Road East, and 6092 Pack Road have all been retained in some manner - some have redeveloped the original structure by dividing it into apartments, while others have also placed other residences around the original building.

I am also concerned about the amount of trees due to be lost to this development - I would like to see a revised plan that reduces the number of required tree removals. I would also ask that any replacement plantings avoid the use of the usual hackberry and linden trees, which although tolerant to urban pollution, are very slow growing and never reach heights tall enough to provide any meaningful form of privacy.

Finally, would the City perhaps consider a heritage designation for the farmhouse?

Thanks so much,

Arthur Thompson