

November 3, 2023

Your worship Mayor Liggett, members of Cambridge City Council,

On behalf of the board of directors of Preston Towne Centre Business Improvement Area, we wanted to reach out regarding the proposed development of 777 Laurel Street, Cambridge.

The board of directors would like to confirm that we offer our support for the proposed development on this site.

This project will bring a great deal of pedestrian traffic to the Core area of Preston, Cambridge and add a considerable amount of new housing to the area.

This type of project adds sustainably to our core area. Currently the City of Cambridge and the Region of Waterloo offer great public transit in the proposed area. The proposed development is within easy walking distance of Preston Towne Centre and will further support all our local shops and services that Preston Towne Centre currently provides.

Preston Towne Centre maintains a small town feeling and is a great place to live, work and enjoy, so anything you can do to make this project move forward would be a great investment of our further growth.

Sincerely,

Kendra Brough

Chair, Preston Towne Centre BIA

From:

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 8:32 AM

To: Michael Campos <camposm@cambridge.ca>

Subject: [External] 6 tower proposal at Dolph and Laurel in Preston

No thank you to this.

When the city and developers address the following, perhaps a proposal such as this could be considered:

- 1. Where is additional green space going to be located Witt the addition of these 1000s of residents?
- 2. When are main and secondary roadways going to be enhanced to facilitate the transportation of 1000s of additional people?
- 3. What is the plan for additional public transportation...and not additional buses on already existing roadways...?

Preston is now congested almost all day long. The roadways are not equipped for the people we have, never mind such a massive development.

How is the city, and developers, proposing to address this. Please don't suggest additional buses because that is nonsense.

Where is our additional green space and trees as these new residents move to this city?

I am sure these are loads of other considerations to the infrastructure that needs to be addressed before such a development is considered but these are mine at this point

From:

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 4:11:41 PM

To: Corey Kimpson; E Clerks

Subject: [External] Yes to 777 Laurel!

Hi Councillor Kimpson & Clerk, I missed the deadline to submit correspondence to the public meeting tonight but I thought I'd reach out to you directly anyway. I'm not sure if you'll recognize my name but I'm in your ward and I live on Laurel very near the proposed development area at 777 Laurel St.

I would love to see the property converted to residential. I think that it would be a great benefit to the community, though I do hope the shortage of parking the developer is proposing is taken into consideration.

My main concern though - rats! Please consider the current rat issues in Preston, and consider having the developer include some way to mitigate potential rat problems when the factory buildings are demolished (if approved, of course).

Preston has always had a strong 'not in my backyard' community, so I'm hoping my 'Yay for 777' isn't drowned out by that. It seems the development proposal addresses the key issues the naysayers are bringing up, such as increased traffic, street parking, job loss (those businesses can move!).

Yay for housing, development of downtown areas, and residential neighbourhoods. Thank you,