

Ward No: 7

File No: OR0524

Attn: JacquelineHannemann

Re: Public Meeting for Application: 1045 and 1085 Main Street, OR05/24

Dear Jacqueline:

The purpose of my letter today is to have this information submitted as public record, emphasizing my concerns with this application for the rezoning of this property.

My concerns are an echo of the past concerns voiced by the residents of this neighbourhood during previous council meetings. Thus, I will be brief:

1. **Infrastructure/Traffic:** This is the first concern I (we) have for the addition of such a high density structure. Presently, during the windows of 7AM – 9:30AM, 11:30AM – 1:30PM, and 3:30PM – 6:00PM, the traffic leading into and through this area is overwhelming. I have included screenshots of “average traffic density” as logged by Google Maps (See Appendix A).

- **Travel time in and out of the area:** It is becoming increasingly time-consuming to commute within the area at these times. The backlog of automobile traffic on Franklin/Dundas, Franklin/Main, Dundas/Main, Concession/Main has steadily increased in proportion to the increase in new construction residential buildings. The traffic, particularly at the traffic circles, has started to back up into other intersections. This affects both wait time and idling engines.

- **Safety at traffic circles:**

The impatience from drivers as the wait time increases at these traffic circles has risen proportionately. Drivers are taking more risks due to longer wait times/impatience due to the wait times. This puts other drivers at risk, and it puts pedestrians at risk. I have witnessed several near misses from inattentive and impatient drivers that, if the pedestrians (myself included) assumed the right of way, they would have been struck.

Similarly, vehicle incidents such as hard braking, horns, and darting into lanes is occurring more often. While I do not have traffic incident statistics, I have several first-hand accounts of drivers’ impatience creating dangerous situations.

- **Commercial traffic:** Due to the limited north-south access and through-way access, Franklin has become a major access point to the south part of the city. For commercial vehicles traveling on 97, Franklin, Main and Dundas. With the completion of McQueen Shaver Blvd, it is the quickest route to reach destinations south of Cambridge, such as Brantford.

2. Outdated traffic study:

At past council meetings, presentations made in support of these projects has used traffic data that was gathered during Covid lockdowns. We would like to see an updated traffic study that reflects the present-day density. Perhaps to include police data of incidents that have occurred at the afore-mentioned intersections.

3. Crime:

As the population density has increased in the area, so have criminal activities. My car has been broken into and robbed twice in the last two years. All neighbours have had to install security cameras and/or security systems as many homes have been broken into. Several neighbours have accounts of their own experience with being victims of crime.

4. Construction:

While I would prefer it to be quieter during the day (I work from home), what is most concerning is the number of build sites that are active, and how that also affects the congestion. What is the timeline for this project's commencement?

5. Builder Responsibility:

The vacant build sites are full of debris and garbage. I will refer to two statements in By-law No. 189.13:

"AND WHEREAS the Act authorizes a municipality to require an owner or occupant of land to clean the land and clear it of refuse and debris;"

And

"AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge deems it desirable to regulate the maintenance of land in order to enhance the quality, health and safety of communities;"

With the many active building projects in the area, how is this builder going to action the on-going issue of garbage and debris on their vacant/active build site?

We as residents are required to maintain our properties, therefore it is equitable to except the same of the builders who wish to profit from our being in our neighbourhood.

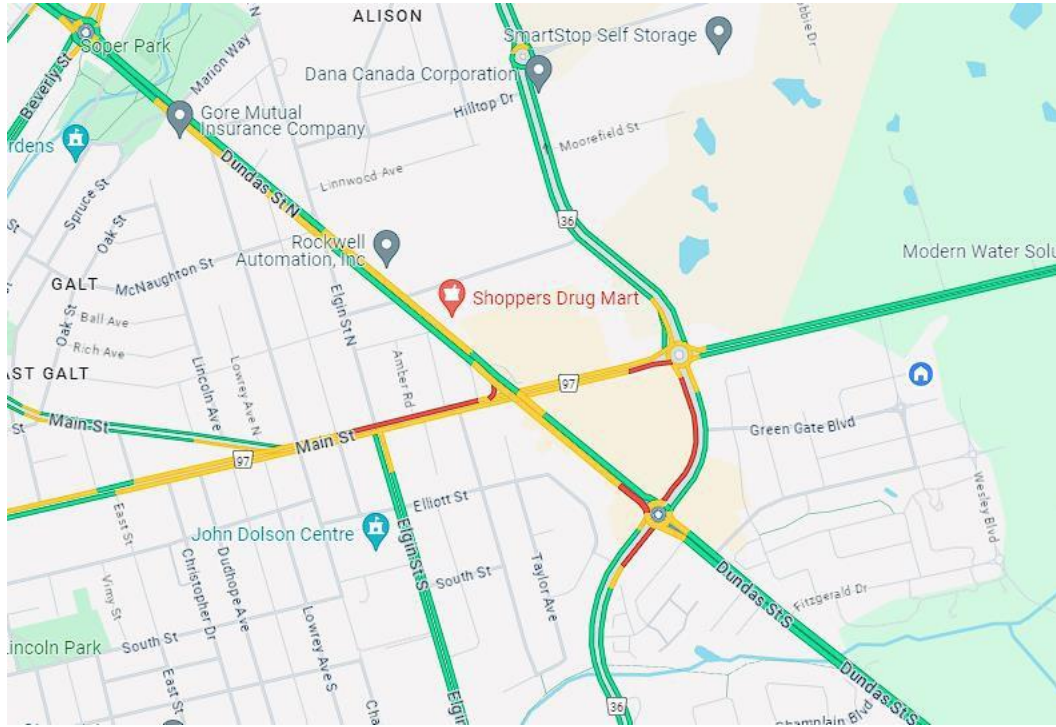
The garbage also attracts scavengers, which calls into question the safety of the residents and their families.

Thank you for considering my concerns. Please contact me if you have any questions.

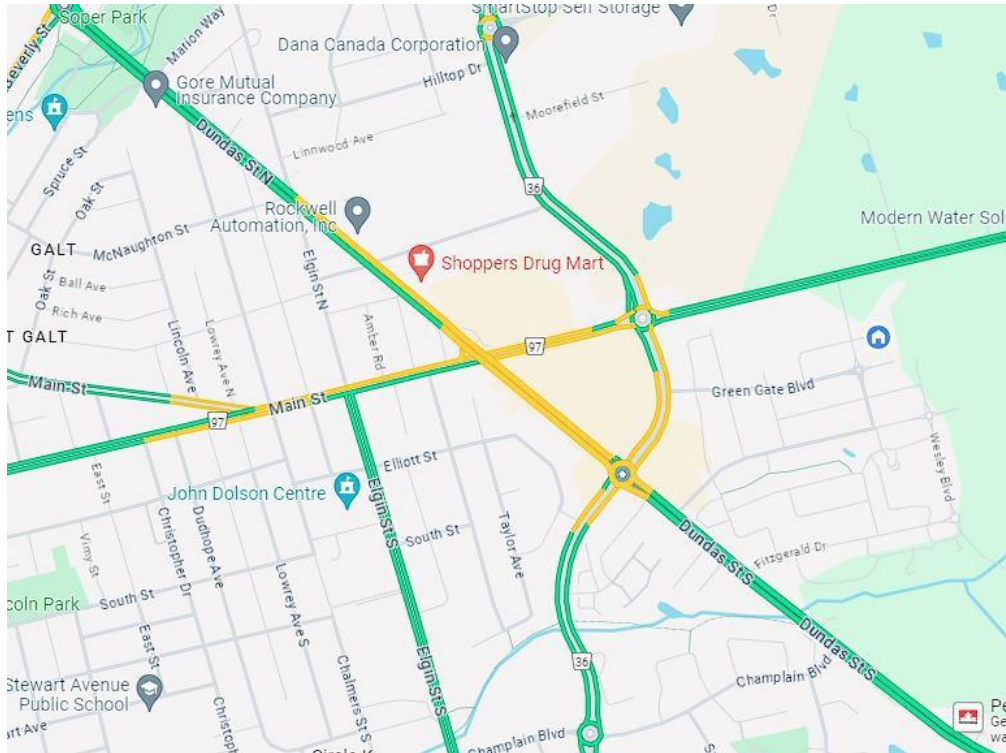
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APPENDIX A Average Traffic Congestion

5:15PM



12:15PM



8:25 AM:

