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**From:** Jen S [REDACTED]  
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Good Evening Sherri,

My name is Jen and I am writing this letter on behalf of myself, my husband and two teenage sons. We have lived on Grand Ridge Drive in Cambridge for the past 18 years and I, myself, have grown up on this same street for the past 40 years. Where my parents reside.

While we understand the need for affordable housing in our city, we want to express our extreme opposition to the proposed housing development in our neighborhood. I believe that this project would have a detrimental impact in our neighbourhood and would have extreme effects on parking, traffic and our environment.

Traffic and parking is absolutely my number one concern. We are already experiencing a high volume of traffic, speeding and street parking. Adding a new development with minimal parking availability will only create an increased demand for parking on Grand Ridge Drive and create increased congestion and safety concerns. Transport trucks and cars continue to drive past Grand Ridge Dr. on Hwy 97 at 80km/hr despite the speed change to 50 km/hr. This is causing, at times, back up of cars and buses that are turning out of Grand Ridge Dr. especially during the weekday mornings or after work hours. This backup at times can go far past the proposed development. I in turn, have had to choose to take an alternate longer route to reach Cedar street in these cases. You can only imagine what this would be like with additional cars having to turn out from this development onto Grand Ridge and then wait to exit in this same area. In addition, the winter months turning onto Grand Ridge Dr. can also be quite slippery with a slight uphill. With additional demand for street parking in front of the development entrance, especially with city buses stopping just after the turn, would definitely create

increased safety concerns. This in turn, would also create a backup of traffic on Hwy 97 for those cars waiting to turn onto Grand Ridge Dr..

Finally, our neighbourhood has continued to welcome the migration of many geese, ducks and blue herons year after year. The numbers over the years have unfortunately decreased due to previous street construction on Hwy 97 not that long ago. We have been fortunate to watch many geese nest and raise their little goslings alongside the pond and up towards the grassy areas on either side of Grand Ridge, including the proposed development site. With this development, this natural habitat would be taken away.

I trust as an elected member representing this ward that you will take my concerns along with all other concerns brought to your attention and help support them. I am well aware you are very supportive of affordable housing and again this is not my concern. I want to make it clear that there are greater concerns that need to be considered before further approval. This ward should have been given the opportunity to discuss and address these concerns prior to this next step. The notice in the mail approximately three weeks ago and the sign that just so happened to be posted on the property in the past week, is extremely unacceptable and unfair to the public. I would also like to address your choice of public correspondence to post on the public board. I am aware of many emails that were sent to you regarding this matter, yet you chose to only ask one of many for consent, which just happened to include a very strong viewpoint against affordable housing. Why have other correspondence with other viewpoints not been requested to be added ?

I will be joining the meeting with my family on Tuesday, November 12th as members of the neighbourhood group that will be making a presentation.

Regards,

Jen Sousa & Family