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917 Lesperance Rd
Tecumseh, Ontario
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Attention: Jennifer Alexander, Clerk

Dear Ms. Alexander

Re: Opposition to Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment - Application D19 205LES

My wife and I are the owners of the property located at . Our property directly abuts the property which is the subject of the above noted application. I am a life-long resident of the Town of Tecumseh. We purchased our property on Chene Street in 1981. We chose this specific piece of property because of its location within a quiet planned single family residential area. When we purchased our lot, we considered the Town's plans for the development of the surrounding area. We relied on those plans. We looked at this investment as our life time investment. We wanted to raise children and eventually welcome our grandchildren (which gratefully has transpired). We wanted a home deep within a residential area. We chose the location, situated away from any kind of institutional uses. The home on the property that is now the subject of this zoning amendment was a one story ranch and it was located on the property when we initially moved into our home. It has recently been demolished.

We have invested in our property, building an addition in 1998 which was planned and designed with large windows to the back overlooking a quiet, private back yard.

We have now received notice that the Town is considering a By-Law Amendment that will permit a developer to build four 2.5 storey six-unit dwellings. We understand the plan will include a large parking lot abutting our property in order to service the large number of residents.

This proposal is significantly and drastically different from the historical and current use of my property and the properties in the broader surrounding area.

Although I understand that the Town is attempting to provide housing for individuals who are eager to live in the Town of Tecumseh, and I understand why, because it is a great place to live (I have chosen to do so for my entire life), I am requesting that the Town respect the existing property owners and the particular area in which this type of development is being proposed. I understand this developer has located similar housing in the area surrounding the Church, St. Antoine School, and the Legion. This is a much different area than the one considered in this application.

We have relied on the Town's commitment in respecting single family residential neighbourhoods. Just as the developer is proposing this project as an investment, we have invested in our property as our "sole investment", and we feel we have made a good decision, watching our property value increase with the demands for houses in our area. We believe that should this proposed development take place essentially in our backyard, our property value will decrease and our privacy and enjoyment of our property will be negatively impacted.

We respectfully request that the Town decline this proposed zoning by-law amendment and respect the requests of the neighbouring property owners who have relied on the provisions of the existing zoning by-laws when they purchased and invested in their properties.

Sincerely,

Kevin Labute

