

DEPUTATION IN WRITING

REGIONAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Subject: Objection to Keele Street Land Use

Spokesperson: Perry Walker

Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

I'm writing to you to voice opposition to the proposed King Twp Official Plan.

Specifically, the established neighbourhood designation of the properties on the west side of Keele street between Heritage Park and Norman.

We are part of a group of 5 properties at the south end of this strip which are 55ft x 200ft and have 70 to 80 year old homes that would be considered functionally obsolete by today's standards. Two of the residents are long term (more than 60 years) and the other 3 are held as investment properties where the owners understand that the logical future use on a busy arterial road is more intensive than an old frame dwelling.

All 5 owners submitted letters at the beginning of the review process and were pleased to see modern planning policies implemented when the planning departments draft plan designated these lands as "mixed use". We didn't imagine that there was any logical reason for anything but a designation for a more intensive use.

Ultimately at the last minute town council bowed to "NIMBY" pressures. We didn't remain involved in the process because we didn't think there was a valid argument to leave the land as status quo.

We are not sophisticated developers who can hire lawyers and planners but will make our best efforts over the next few weeks to investigate our options.

Thank you,

Perry Walker

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