

To: The Town of the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation
(for the attention of Sarah Merrifield, Executive Assistant Committees of Council}

From: Cheryl & Geoffrey Forshaw, [REDACTED], Thornbury, ON.

Re: Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 1:30 pm., July 2, 2020

Date: July 1, 2020

Subject: Development Gateway Site, 171 King St., East, Thornbury, ON.

Dear Mayor Soever, Members of Council, and BMAHC,

I am a concerned home owner, residing near the Gateway development site. My husband and I built our retirement home here 4 years ago, on property that was once my grandfather's farm. My mother grew up in Thornbury, and this town has been my second home all of my life. We have a keen interest in the town and it's growth, which we do accept means change.

There are 5 detached residences on Arthur St. East, and 2 homes that are cornered with Wellington and Arthur streets. We are the only residences in the town that are directly next to, and impacted by, a development on the Gateway site. No communication was received by any of us regarding the proposals for this development in our area, or for our inclusion in any discussions.

As the final considerations for the development of the Gateway Site are at hand, we would like to at least have our common concerns expressed to members present at this meeting. It is not our wish to block attainable and/or affordable housing in Thornbury, as we are aware there is a need. However, we do believe that there are issues to be considered. These are listed as follows:

- The proposed plan #1 is preferred, due to lower level of the building. A 5 storey building would definitely be a problem for noise and light pollution in a quiet residential area. It would also go against the 5 Year Plan for the Town of the Blue Mountains, to build to a maximum height of 3 storeys in new constructions.
- The mature trees at the south end of the Gateway Site must be preserved for obvious reasons of ecology, noise pollution buffer, and natural surrounding for the Beaver River Trail.
- What are the considerations or criteria for the "ground level commercial units"? Bearing in mind this development is the East end entrance to Thornbury town, and sets the tone for the quality of living or visiting here.

Thank you for allowing us to express our concerns to you at this time. We await your response.

Sincerely,

Cheryl & Geoffrey Forshaw [REDACTED] Thornbury

And

Joanne & Joe del Brocco [REDACTED] Thornbury

Marty & Honey Kane [REDACTED] Thornbury

Pat and Gary Graham [REDACTED] Thornbury

Arlene Osborne [REDACTED] Thornbury