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RE: Attainable Housing Meeting July 2, 2020.

In speaking with our neighbors on Arthur Street East, it has come to our attention that there has been little to no engagement with the members of the community that will be most impacted by the Gateway Project.

We are wanting to express our disappointment in the lack of information surrounding this project, especially in comparison with the transparency surrounding past projects in the immediate area.

Before listing our concerns, we'd like to clarify that we're not against the project as a whole (or what we've heard about it insofar as gossip goes), and do understand the importance and opportunity it would bring to both Thornbury and The Town of Blue Mountains.

That being said, list of concerns are as follows:

- Lack of engagement with taxpayers and the feeling that there is a rush to move forward during a time when quarantining, and now, social distancing, are of an utmost importance to the country. This should not be used as an excuse to leave residents in the dark and dependent on rumors.
- We have heard that the town is considering using Wellington Street and Arthur Street East as the entrance to this development which would increase the volume of traffic considerably.
- There seems to be a complete disregard for current regulations concerning height restrictions on buildings. A 5-storey building would impact us at 76 Arthur Street the most in that we would lose our privacy completely.
To alleviate these concerns surrounding privacy, would the town consider a "buffer zone" of sorts on the west side of the property adjacent to our own? Would they be installing a privacy fence of sorts to address the concern of trespassing into our property?
- There are also concerns on how land zoned for commercial use became zoned for residential use without any on site postings/signage, or notices to residents.

Thank you for your attention on the concerns we have surrounding this project, we are all looking forward to discussing in a town hall setting of sorts, either virtually or in person when circumstances allow for it.

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