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Sent: June 4, 2019 10:44 AM

To: Michelle Banfield <Michelle.Banfield@barrie.ca>

Cc: keenan.alwin@barrie.ca

Subject: Removal of exemption second suites

Good Morning Ms. Banfield,

As a long time resident I must voice my concern and objection to removing the exemption to second suites in this study area.

Over the past few years we have witnessed single family homes being sold with the sole purpose to rent. The decline has been obvious in the lack of care taken to the properties as well as aesthetics of the neighbourhood. This past year we have also seen a great increase to the number of cars on lawns and across the bottom of driveways.

Is the purpose of this proposal to drive out all taxpaying families? Georgian college offers housing and if this is insufficient they still have property to build on.

Another area of concern to me as a grandparent with grandchildren is safety. Visibility to safely see children is greatly diminished when we have cars filling the driveways, across the bottom of driveways, on lawns and lining the street on both sides. Theft with out any control of how many people are actually living in a house as well as the partying at night from students bring no comfort at all to me.

I would not support any change to the exemption of second suites unless the City of Barrie is going to have a NO TOLERANCE POLICY that is severely enforced with regards to the upkeep of properties, the number of cars allotted per household and the number of people allowed to be in a single family dwelling.

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From: Fred Higgs
Sent: June 4, 2019 6:34 PM
To: Michelle Banfield <Michelle.Banfield@barrie.ca>; Keenan Aylwin <Keenan.Aylwin@barrie.ca>; Office of the Mayor <OfficeoftheMayor@barrie.ca>
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Subject:

Georgian Neighbourhood Study Area Boundary Removal

Hello Folks,

We have been in this home since 1972 and have seen many changes in the area. During these years we have seen not only the growth of the residential, commercial and industrial units but also the addition of a fire hall, police stations, 3 apartment buildings, a number of townhouse developments, RVH and Georgian College. Most of which were good additions to the area.

Along with this expansion came the requirement of housing for both the college students and now affordable housing which encouraged investors to purchase the single family homes in the area as rental properties and the area has become saturated with multiple tenant units. (some which are legal but many more that are not) The majority of these investors are absentee owners and do not have basic yard maintenance (lawn cutting, garbage clean up etc.) and insufficient parking. As a result of this the area is slowly looking run down.

A few examples of this are the townhouses on Duckworth St. across from the plaza at the corner of Duckworth and Grove St. which originally had lawns but are now parking lots with scattered garbage. A number of homes on Grove St. which were originally single family dwellings are now rentals and the properties are not being maintained. There is one home between Maple Grove School and St. Vincent St. where not only is the grass not cut but the neighbours are saying the back yard is full of garbage. On Rose St. there are a number of illegal rentals properties that are not being maintained to the basic standard. This problem is apparent at the Rose and St.Vincent intersection. One of the rental duplexes on Rose St. always has garbage and junk piled in the front yard and/or on the porch. The yard is usually littered with Banner Advance newspapers that never make it to the bluebox.

Due to the number of multiple units already in the area we strongly feel the restrictions should be left in place. We also would like to suggest that some changes be made to the regulations for rental units. The owners should be required to ensure weekly yard maintenance is completed either by them or a contracted group, proper parking is in place (not on lawns) and a percentage of the front yard is either lawn or garden as required by the by-laws.

Please leave the restrictions in place as our neighbours and acquaintances in the area feel we have already been very accommodating and have tried to maintain our property to meet city standards. Help us to keep our neighbourhood a safe and tidy place to live and raise our families.

Sincerely,

Joanne and Fred Higgs

From: Karen Henderson

Sent: June 3, 2019 3:30 PM

To: Michelle Banfield <Michelle.Banfield@barrie.ca>; Keenan Aylwin <Keenan.Aylwin@barrie.ca>

Subject: Removal of exemption of second suites in the Georgian Neighbourhood Study Area

Importance: High

Good afternoon Ms Banfield,

Further to our conversation last week, I would like to put my remarks in writing and my concerns and objection to removing the exemption to second suites in this study area until such time as the City of Barrie has in place and passes bylaws that are enforceable and hold the landlords accountable to raise the standards for how these properties are maintained.

We don't want to halt progress and know that not all renters/students are bad tenants. However, I believe the problem rests with the lack of ability of the City of Barrie to hold landlords accountable. I have outlined a few instances in my email to Keenan Aylwin following. Please include that email as part of my objection.

I realize there is the desire to house all peoples in a safe and affordable manner, however, is it fair that the majority all be accommodated in and saturate this area unfairly. A lot of students have cars and we have a good bus system to the College and RVH. The fact is also that many, many student rooming houses, in law apartments, illegal apartments and second suites are and have already been established in the study area. Must this subject area that was once a family area be decimated with second suites allowed on every single lot?

Dan and Karen Henderson



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June 3, 2019

To Mayor Jeff Lehman and Members of Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Barrie East End Household Association (BEEHA) with regard to second suite re-zoning in the near college neighbourhood. We understand that City staff and Council are exploring the possibility of lifting the ban on second suites in this area.

The genesis of BEEHA occurred as a result of the dynamic between students and long-time residents of this unique neighbourhood. Since its inception, BEEHA has widened its focus to a variety of projects and interests around Ward 1, but we are still keenly interested in making sure the near college area is a safe and vibrant place for everyone to live.

As an Executive, we are proposing that the key issue in this neighbourhood is not second suites, but rather absentee landlords.

Second suites could actually benefit the neighbourhood in several ways. It could allow families to live in a home with income potential making home ownership affordable. It would also provide built in supervision for students if the owner was available on the premises. It could also increase the density of this neighbourhood providing more people with the opportunity to live in a great residential area.

However, we will only support second suites on the condition that owners who do NOT live on the premises, be subject to licensing requirements. It is these houses that have been problematic for many years. If absentee landlords were required to keep inspections up to date and have their standard of practice reviewed yearly, we think the problem behaviour would decrease.

Our position is that students are not the primary problem, it is the absentee landlords that create an environment for discord.

We hope Staff and Council will strongly consider this feedback from BEEHA, the Ward 1 Association. We have been listening to, and tackling the issues of student/neighbourhood relations for many years.

Respectfully,

Sarah Uffelmann

For Ryan Cardwell, Robb Meier, Naomi Wachowiak, Greg Groen, Ann-Marie Kungl