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My name is Melanie Simpson and I live in Schomberg, I am writing to voice my strong concerns about the new proposed development on 326 Main Street.

I did attend the public consultation and still have the following questions because my concerns were not answered and I think the current proposal has many issues.

Building Height - the height of 6 stories is absolutely massive in our small town when compared to the existing structures. In my opinion, it will be a terrible eyesore and ruin the heritage look of the town. I am also considering that the large trees currently on the property will be cut down to make way for the building which will sadly just add to the eyesore. If it must be built I believe it should be 3 stories maximum as there are already 3 story structures on main. That being said it also is being built on a hill which will make it appear even taller!

At the consultation I asked about the building height and was told because it is set back from the street "you will hardly notice it" - I found this a bit insulting for them to think I would believe this because of course you will notice a 6 story building from any point in town.

Shadow - I am very concerned that the new building's shadow will have a very negative or even catastrophic result on some of the wildlife and plants living in the protected marsh behind the building .. there is no doubt that a towering new structure will cast a big dark shadow. Has the consequence on the development to the marshland been studied / reviewed?

Traffic and parking - the current proposal of 99 units and 106 parking spots is not realistic. Firstly, traffic on Main Street is already down to one lane at most times and very congested. Secondly, most residents in Schomberg have at least 2 vehicles, we don't have public transit so it is a commuting town - the reality is many of these 99 units would have two cars .. where do they park the second one ?? What about guest parking ? When I asked these questions at the public consultation the response from the developer was "they will know when they buy that they will only have 1 parking spot"... again I was frustrated with this response because it is not a solution and disregards the fact that there could be an extra 80? 90? 100+ vehicles with no thought to where they will go in our small town !? This is a real problem that I have not heard a solution to .

Water Table - I have heard from others that there are a lot of restrictions for residents currently when digging in their backyards due to disruption of the water table ... I don't understand how this development can dig an underground parking lot, especially right beside the protected march ? What are the negative consequences on the water table?

I hope all of these concerns are addressed properly at the council meeting before decisions are made.

Thank you Melanie