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Re: Proposed development at 326 Main Street

Dear Members of Council,

Main Street Schomberg is a special and unique village core in King Township and its form, function and character should be respected. Would you agree that the destruction of Canadian Heritage Villages deprives our future generations of our national historical knowledge? The proposed condo is NOT in keeping with the identity of an historical village. The proposed condo is a visual ruination, suffocating the historical buildings on Main Street.

Regarding the Dufferin Marsh the development is a calamity. The Marsh provides clean water, absorbs carbon, protects against floods, and homes many species. Despite the fact that our communities need wetlands and marshes, we're losing them at an alarming rate. Devastatingly, most of Ontario's original wetlands-72 percent- have already been lost. Yet, the threats from poorly planned development continues. The proposed condo is an environmental disaster consisting of the destruction of many mature trees and paving over lawns for parking lots, no less on the floodplain! Main Street Schomberg is on the floodplain and has been flooded in 1899 and 1954. With the construction of large buildings and present green spaces covered with pavement, wouldn't you conclude that the houses on Main Street will be vulnerable more than ever to more severe and frequent flooding, reference to climate change?

Traffic on Main Street currently is challenging and parking is often unattainable. An added 150 cars, (326 and 66 Main Street) frequenting Main Street will be unpleasant and dangerous for pedestrians and impassable for local drivers. The residents of Schomberg will experience more noise and air pollution. The proposed 6 story condo development requires multiple concessions from Council because it does not meet the rules set out in the Official Plan. Agreeing to these concessions will mean additional years of construction and impacts to the street, the marsh, and the people. It will also overshadow both the historic homes and the Dufferin Marsh while adding hundreds of cars to Main Street traffic, not providing enough parking to accommodate them, and removing street parking in the bargain. Are there not locations in King township where the proposed type of development would be suitable? Main Street, in the quaint village of Schomberg is not one of them.

What would be more beneficial to the residents who have financially supported the township, the businesses and given hours of volunteering is the opportunity to downsize to a cottage community in their village. Why not consider the present residents of the village and adhere to the rules in the Official Plan?

Respectfully,

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