

**Additional Public Comments received after delegation packet
Regarding Report PB-100-16, Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment for 4853 Thomas Alton Blvd**

Dear Councillor Blair Lancaster and Mayor Rick Goldring,

We, -- Wei Zhang and Lili Wang -- the current residents in Alton Village of Burlington ON, are writing this email to let you know that: we oppose the development of two 19 storey buildings in Alton Village Burlington.

As been living in Alton Village for more than 5 years, we noticed the obvious increasing recently of daily traffic, crowded schools (Such as Alton Village P.S., it has already almost thousand students in it. More and more portable classrooms are under construction, which should not be for a new school). It effects our life quality, which we were looking forward to improve when we moved to this new area.

We were informed that there is possible development of two 19 storey buildings in this area. We highly oppose it. This kind of development will significantly increase the traffic and school students. It will significantly worsen the present bad situation.

We wish you can express our attitude and worry during today's meeting, and help to stop this development.

Meanwhile, wish you and your families have a:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Wei Zhang and Lili Wang

Good afternoon,

This email is to confirm that both my husband and I oppose the current proposed 19 storey development on Thomas Alton. With 2 children currently enrolled at Alton Village with an enrollment of more than 1000 children we see no way that this school could accept the further children that would come from the new development. Our tax dollars are going towards having our children enrolled in the school in our neighbourhood. If we wanted them to go to a school in the Orchard or Millcroft we would have purchased there.

Also the traffic issues we currently deal with in the community will only be multiplied exponentially with the increased number of people from these developments. The neighbourhood we chose is one we would like our children to be safe to grow up in.

We are not opposed to development of this plot of land as well as that to the direct south as they are currently an eyesore with big mounds of dirt and weeds. We would ask council to vote down this proposal and ask the developer to come up with another less detrimental option for our community.

Thank you,

Krista and Chris Kendy

Good evening Ms. Lancaster.

I am writing to share my concern with the application council is voting on tomorrow evening regarding a proposed 19 story condo building on Thomas Alton.

As a family with young children, we already have serious concerns about the traffic (volume and speed) in our community, as well as the ability of the schools to accommodate the children who currently reside in our neighbourhood. Our son recently started at Alton Village Public School and we were horrified to hear that the school already has almost 1000 students. No wonder pick up and drop off is such a nightmare for student safety. It's only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt.

We know that our views are with the majority in Alton Village and hope you will please vote against this proposal, as well as urge your colleagues do the same.

Kind regards,

Jodi Bond

Dear Mayor Goldring and City Councilors,

My family and I have enjoyed living in Burlington for the past 10 years, and like you, we really take pride in our city that feels more like a town and is "The second best mid-size city in Canada to live in"! If ADI is allowed to build two 19-storey condos in my residential neighbourhood of Burlington (Alton Village), that will all change! Burlington will start to feel like Mississauga and I can almost guarantee that we'll lose our status as "The second best mid-size city in Canada to live in" because it will become too densely populated (this is definitely not "gentle intensification" as I have heard you speak about many times)! In addition, it will be very difficult to travel up and down Appleby Line by car, bus or bicycle to get to the GO Station (it is already very busy and frustrating travelling on Appleby Line and a boy on a bicycle got hit by a car recently) or across Dundas anywhere near Appleby and Dundas (often I have to sit through two or three advanced green lights before being able to turn left onto Dundas while travelling North on Appleby Line because of the large number of cars)! With 612 new residential units (combination of condo units and townhomes), I would estimate that that will mean an

additional 1 200 cars in the Appleby and Dundas area trying to get to and from work/the GO station!

Even my 10 year-old daughter expressed concern to me that “Our neighbourhood will be totally different-it will feel like a big city! I won’t want to live here anymore.” A neighbourhood with two 19-storey condos is not the kind of neighbourhood we want to live in, and we pay so much in taxes to live in. She is too shy to speak at the meeting at City Hall this evening, but we will definitely attend to show our opposition to such a drastic change in our neighbourhood!

If money is at the heart of this issue (Developers Fees to the city), I think that most residents of Alton Village would prefer to pay the 15 % in increased property taxes that Blair Lancaster feels would be required to offset the Developer Fees than have an additional 612 families and two 19-storey condos in our neighbourhood. Perhaps we could at least be given this option?

According to the City Planners that spoke at the Dec. 1 information meeting about this development at Haber Community Centre, the Halton Public or Catholic School Boards have not expressed concern about the 2 000 or so additional residents in Alton Village, but I find that hard to believe considering that Alton Village Public School has 6 portables, and the new Hayden High school has 10 portables-both are already over capacity! These schools simply cannot accommodate several hundred more students! The City Planners are estimating that mostly young couples without children and older people with grown children will buy these condos, but there is no guarantee of that! Besides, this plan also includes 171 townhomes, which most likely will have 2 or 3 children living in each (242-513 children)!

If a sense of community is truly important to you (as you say it is in the Dec. 9 edition of the Burlington Post in “Fostering community in a growing city”) Mayor Goldring, I implore you to please help the residents of Alton Village stop these condos from being built, or at the very least order ADI to stick to the 10 storey limit that was originally agreed to, and decrease the number of units to 400 or fewer. Councilors, please vote against the amendment to 19 stories (10 is bad enough)!

Thank you in advance for your support,

Debbie Nazir (& Yasmin, Layla & Dean Nazir)

We are writing to object to the proposed zoning amendment to increase overall density including two 19 storey buildings for 4853 Thomas Alton Blvd.

The Plan of Subdivision was created and designed with the current zoning density restrictions. An increase in density will negatively impact the overall Subdivision of Alton Village as it was never incorporated into its design for infrastructure, roads, parks, schools, SWM ponds. At current peak times, our parks are overloaded, our NEW

schools already have portables, the intersection at Thomas Alton and Appleby is backed up. The development of 4853 Thomas Alton Blvd. with current zoning will put a further strain on the Subdivision, but the proposed increase in density will create a nightmare.

With the places to grow mandate, it is clear that intensification is needed, but there is a proper way to do it. If you allow this unrealistic proposed increased density to happen, Alton Village will quickly become the posterchild of What NOT to do!

I have spoke with many of my neighbours and we are planning to attend the meeting tonight, but should some of us not be able to make it, please do not think that our lack of attendance means that we do not object.

Concerned Residents of Alton Village,
DJ and Pete Loberto