

8th August 2020,

Dear City Council Members,

Burlington City Council,

Burlington, ON, L7R 3Z6

I would like to address our common concerns for the said development proposal.

1. The ground/soil composition of the entire area is very sandy and porous with no grip on structures and the soil does not have a cohesive or binding properties as a result any minor/slight impact on the ground which could be more than 500 meters away can be felt in my house as the whole house shakes and vibrates as if an earth quake is happening, with windows, doors and building structure of my house shaking with the fear the whole structure of my house can fall. This is not otherwise the case at any other time. The impact was felt a lot during construction activities at the current ongoing project at Masonry Court. The soil in this entire area is sandy and porous and not suitable for such deep digging construction as evident by the findings of multiple ongoing projects which faced similar difficulties with the soil structure and less stable ground. The entire area has been part of the lake which has receded over decades or hundreds of years. My biggest fear is that my house can collapse and same is the fear of my north side neighbors. As we know the quality of soil by working in our yards.
2. Environmental concern due to Air Pollution, Noise Pollution in a quite peaceful neighborhood. With so many cars being used and so many people living in 162 apartment units on average 2-4 people living per unit would be 324-648 people in such a small property will have a very negative impact on the neighborhood and its environment and infrastructure. The existing infrastructure or even modified infrastructure of this area will not be able to support so many families. I am so much concerned that the whole ecosystem will change in this quite eco friendly area where there is so much ecology exists in this area with so many birds and plants inhabiting in the area. The amount of Carbon Mono Oxide emitted as well various other gases emitted from vehicular pollution from 203 or more vehicles excluding visitors' vehicles one can imagine what would be the negative impact to the immediate neighbours as well as surrounding neighbors in terms of Noise due to Vehicles and exhaust fans running as well as idling of the engine of the vehicles to keep vehicle running especially in the winter months. It will negatively impact the health of the currently living neighbours.
3. The Six Story project does not fit and support the current neighborhood as the current neighborhood is a residential area of single family area. The Six story building will block the sun light required to keep the vegetation healthy and growing as well as keep the area warm and alive in the winter and summer months. However, the Six story building will block the necessary sunlight required to the neighborhood will have negative effect on the health of neighbouring

families as due to lack of sunlight there will be winter blues/ depression which affects overall productivity and I can say this as a practicing specialist physician. There will be no privacy as the neighborhood tall building will be peeping in to other families' bedrooms and over all the families' personal life and activities therefore forcing them to keep their windows and curtains closed all the time and further restricting the necessary light and view to maintain good mental health and physical health.

4. I can see due to greed for making quick money in the booming property market in the GTHA and to increase the revenue of city council, we should not ignore the negative impact this development would have to the quiet, peaceful and environment friendly neighborhood. I moved from Toronto into this quite area purely to escape the densely populated and high rise buildings with lack of privacy and so much noise and air pollution with non existing wild life in the Toronto area. I had no thought that the greed for quick money in the property market will affect this area otherwise I would have never moved into this area.

I hope the city council will listen to our common concerns and would not allow such a dense development which is in complete contrast to the existing neighborhood and wipe away its existence as we all have to start moving away from this peaceful area as we will not be able to live here and this will be constant mental torture and indirect forced eviction of the current neighbours.

Thanks for your patience and listening to our common concerns and hopefully the City Council will keep our concerns in the mind whenever any action is taken.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely

Dr. Kamal N Sharma and Dr. Victoria Brown

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