Barb Puddifant

Late Item 23.1 - N. & S. Sartorius - email dated March 14, 2022 - ZON-1229 [Angove, K./Franklin Engineering Ltd.; 2790 20 Avenue NE; R-1 to R-4]

From:

Naomi Sartorius

Sent:

Monday, March 14, 2022 4:14 AM

To:

Barb Puddifant

Subject:

[External] Rezoning 2790 20 Avenue NE

Good morning,

We have received public notice about the resining of 2790 20 Avenue NE. This property is directly behind our house located at 1851 30th St NE. One of the main reasons we purchased this property was because it backed into a treed area rather than more houses. While the road in front is busy, the backyard balanced that by being private. Changing the zoning to medium density will change our enjoyment and the value of our property by removing the privacy that has been there for so many years. It will be located on a busy street, but not have the advantage of a private backyard.

I am also concerned regarding the broad definition of medium density housing. According to the information supplied, the land is capable to house up to 93 units of dwelling! As much as I am concerned about housing in general behind our house, nothing would depreciate and make our house more unliveable than having apartment unit or townhouse unit behind us. That is the very opposite of the privacy we currently enjoy. Selling houses backing onto dense housing like that is very difficult. When buying, we didn't even consider any house close to an apparent or townhouse unit due to the lack of privacy and the sheer amount of people capable of then seeing into the backyard and being in the general vicinity. It is very concerning that this is allowable by the city and seemed even like they would encourage it due to the walk-ability of the location.

While this is an older neighbourhood, it has always been a quiet and private place. We do not wish to lose our privacy to additional housing and especially to the broad range of medium-density housing that is being approved. It is incredibly concerning.

Sincerely,

Naomi and Samuel Sartorius