

City of Kingston Planning Committee Meeting Number 02-2024 Addendum

Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Hosted at City Hall in Council Chamber

11. Correspondence

a) Correspondence received regarding 36 Durham Street (File Number D14-004-2022), dated December 21, 2023.

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As the property owner at 49 Park Street, I am opposing the proposed zoning by-law amendment for 36 Durham Street. This appears to be the same application that was submitted last November. It appears to have been re-submitted at time when it is inconvenient for people to provide input.

Once again, I object to the further densification of this property based on the fact that this area has been over- densified in the last few years. There have been 3 extra large buildings crammed into small lots within 2 blocks, all of which have subjected residents to months of drilling, blasting and construction noise and traffic.

There is limited parking in this area which leads to greater traffic congestion within the school zone.

There are a large number of rental units in this area, and not all landlords maintain their properties (Garbage removal). This project does not alleviate housing issues as the units built are for maximum profit per square inch, making them unaffordable for those who need housing.

These requests for a reduction in setbacks just mean another large building crammed into a small lot, decreasing value, privacy, and enjoyment for existing homes.

Once again, I invite you to look down Princess Street from Macdonnell and see how unattractive and uninviting the street view is. There is no green space, just an unwelcoming mass of buildings crowding out to the sidewalk.

There have been several smaller units replacing houses in the neighbourhood which have proper setbacks and adequate parking. They are a better option for development than overdeveloping small plots that only provide financial benefit to the landlord, not to the area as a whole.