From:

To: Committee of Adjustment (SM); Arwa Alzoor

Subject: 15 Strange St., Kitchener

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This is a written submission regarding the application A 2024-059 for 15 Strange St, Kitchener.

Please recognize that I do not support this application for expansion of dwelling units nor do I support the reduction of parking spaces for this location.

- 1. I believe that the owner has taken advantage of the people who were residents forced them to vacate at a time with housing demand is high and presents limited options for housing elsewhere and at prices that are really unrealistic. These new owners of this building and did not conduct themselves or their business with moral regard which falls on all our shoulders, this is why I am addressing this application. Some of the renters were longstanding residents and were not given fair opportunity to return.
- 2. If the council allows them to proceed with this development you are rewarding them for their wrongdoings and you allow this type of behavior to continue, not protecting the rights of the residents that were forced to leave.
- 3. Strange Street is a two lane road with no street parking. With the large demand for housing people will seek housing wherever they can find it and those desperate enough will take a rental unit without parking and look for parking nearby. Reducing the number of parking spaces at this location will not deter people with vehicles to apply for a rental unit that has no parking. Furthermore with the proposed 12 units the applicant is only providing one visitor parking space is unrealistic and will impact surrounding areas where street parking is limited and should serve the residents that live on those streets.
- 4. It is my opinion that expanding the residental building to 12 units is cramped and too tight for the given size of the building.
- 5. Please reject this application for expansion and represent the rights and obligations of the residents as well as good business owners / landlords of this city. Say no to poor business practices that show no regard for previous residents and do not represent the kind of attitude with moral standards and obligations the city of kitchener must uphold.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Darlene Mack-Lam