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To whom it may concern,

I am a lifelong resident of Kitchener on Wood St, between Belmont Village and Grand River Hospital. My and my family as well as the rest of the neighborhood have recently become aware of a proposed 8-unit rental property to be constructed from an existing house on the corner of Wood St. and York St. at the address 96 Wood St. I am writing to object this proposal, as I believe it would negatively affect our neighborhood's cultural heritage landscape, which is important to me, as someone who has lived in this house since I was a young child.

I acknowledge the cities need for intensification near major transit sites, like the Grand River Hospital ION station, and while I agree with this idea, I think the affects of the changes to this particular house do not justify the total transformation. I am asking that the building height be restricted to the by-law's 11-meter limit.

Going over the height limit does not fit the character of the neighbourhood, where all of the other house exist within the height constraints. I also worry about the parking situation. The neighbourhood already has many non-residents, such as hospital employees, who park on Wood Street or York Street, making it a lot more congested. We already have parking restrictions, such as 2-hour parking limits and I believe that adding a possible 8 more cars to this area would not only be a problem for existing residents, but also to the ones moving in.

Moreover, I would request that should city's plan continue, that any trees or existing trees be replaced, as our street has many old trees and beautiful landscaping, which is something I love about the street.

Ultimately, I love living in this neighbourhood and I believe the current development proposal would be obstructive and would not fit the current feeling of this neighbourhood. With so much development occurring in both Kitchener and Waterloo, it would be sad to see the same changes occur in our small neighbourhood.

If the above ideas could be considered, I would deeply appreciate it, as would the rest of the neighbourhood!

Thank you,

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