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To: [Committee of Adjustment \(SM\)](#)
Subject: Concerns Regarding Parking Reduction at A2025-22-25 Haldimand Street - Impact on Street Traffic and Environmental Goals
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Dear Members of the City Planning Committee,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed reduction of approximately 31 parking spaces in the development at 25 Haldimand Street, which consists of 102 residential units.

While I understand the city's efforts to promote alternative transportation and sustainable development, I believe that this significant reduction in parking spaces will have a detrimental impact on the surrounding street traffic, the overall quality of life in our neighborhood, and the city's environmental objectives.

My primary concern is that the insufficient on-site parking will inevitably force residents and their visitors to park on the adjacent Haldimand Street. This street already experiences significant traffic volume, and the added parking congestion will undoubtedly exacerbate the situation.

Specifically, I anticipate the following issues:

- **Increased Street Traffic:** The overflow of parked vehicles onto Haldimand Street will contribute to traffic congestion, particularly during peak hours. This will lead to delays, frustration, and potential safety hazards for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.
- **Safety Concerns:** Parking on busy streets increases the risk of accidents, especially for pedestrians crossing the street and drivers navigating around parked vehicles.
- **Reduced Street Accessibility:** Increased on-street parking will narrow the available roadway, making it difficult for emergency vehicles, delivery trucks, and other large vehicles to maneuver.
- **Negative Impact on Neighborhood Aesthetics:** A crowded street with parked vehicles will detract from the overall appearance of our neighborhood and negatively impact property values.
- **Increased difficulty for residents with disabilities, or elderly residents.**
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Concerns:** I am also concerned about the potential reduction of electric vehicle (EV) charging parking spaces. Reducing these spaces goes against the city and federal government's vision of promoting electric vehicle adoption and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Ensuring adequate EV charging infrastructure is crucial for supporting sustainable transportation and meeting our environmental goals.
- **Winter Parking Challenges:** In Kitchener, winter conditions significantly impact parking on city streets. Snow accumulation narrows the available road space, making parking even more challenging. Reducing on-site parking at A2025-22-25 Haldimand Street will amplify these winter parking difficulties, potentially leading to hazardous situations and increased frustration for residents and snow removal services.

I urge the City Planning Committee to reconsider the proposed parking reduction and to ensure that an adequate number of parking spaces, including sufficient EV charging spaces,

are provided within the development to accommodate the needs of residents and visitors, while also supporting our community's sustainability objectives.

I believe that a balanced approach is necessary, one that supports sustainable development while also addressing the practical needs of residents, mitigating potential traffic impacts, and promoting environmentally friendly transportation options. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further with the committee and to explore potential solutions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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