

From: [Sean Harrigan](#)
To:
Cc: [Committee of Adjustment \(SM\)](#)
Subject: RE: Opposition to Proposed 8-Unit Development at 96 Wood Street
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 2:19:49 PM

Good afternoon Elizabeth,

Thank you for your detailed comments and concerns. The Committee of Adjustment staff (cc'd) will ensure your comments are provided to the Panel Members for their consideration.

Regards,

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From:
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 2:10 PM
To: Sean Harrigan <Sean.Harrigan@kitchener.ca>
Subject: Opposition to Proposed 8-Unit Development at 96 Wood Street

Dear Mr. Harrigan and Ms. Chapman,

I have lived on Wood Street for more than six decades. I understand the reason for development and that things continue to change. My 2 major concerns are safety and having developments that fit into the character of the neighbourhood.

In terms of safety, this development will increase the amount of cars parking on Wood Street and Park Street. This is because there are no parking spots allotted for this development. There are already many cars parked on the street from staff and visitors of Grand River Hospital, which is at the top of Wood Street.

There are many children living on the street and a street lined with cars is always more dangerous because it limits a child's view when crossing the street. In terms of driving one's own car, the parked cars limit your ability to see when leaving your driveway. Also, when attempting to turn left from Wood Street onto York Street, one needs to pull out dangerously far in order to see around the cars to see if there is a vehicle coming down the street. These situations are accidents waiting to happen and once again make it dangerous for the children.

My neighbourhood consists of predominantly red brick homes from the 1920's. This creates an attractive, distinct and enduring identity. The proposed building and position on the lot is not sensitive to the setting in any way. It will erode the lovely street scape.

A city should strive to create an attractive environment that functions well for its citizens, provides buildings that will stand the test of time, and result in its citizens taking pride in their individual neighbourhoods. I am asking for the committee to value the streetscape and architectural style of the neighbourhood and not allow the development of the lot at 96 Wood Street to go ahead as proposed.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Beyers