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Subject Concerns Regarding Proposed Semidetached Homes Near Busy Intersection of Lackner Road and Keewatin Avenue

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed construction of semidetached home near the busy intersection of Lackner Road and Keewatin Avenue. While I appreciate the need for housing development in our community, I believe this particular project poses several significant challenges that merit your reconsideration.

Firstly, the location of these homes is directly adjacent to a high-traffic intersection. For instance, I witnessed a firetruck attempting to turn left off Lackner Road onto Keewatin Avenue but was unable to proceed due to a vehicle parked in front of 120 Keewatin Avenue. This incident resulted in significant traffic congestion on the opposite side of Keewatin because of a red light, highlighting the difficulties emergency vehicles face in this area. The increased volume of vehicles raises valid concerns about the safety of both residents and pedestrians, and the potential for accidents in such a congested environment could have serious implications for the community.

Additionally, the absence of street parking exacerbates this issue. With limited space for residents and visitors to park their vehicles, it is likely that congestion will increase, leading to further traffic problems and frustrations for those living in the area.

Moreover, the lot's current dimensions do not support the addition of a driveway that would adequately accommodate the needs of residents. This limitation could further strain an already challenging traffic situation and diminish the quality of life for those living nearby.

I respectfully urge the council to reconsider the implications of this development and explore alternative locations that would better serve our community's needs, ensuring both safety and accessibility.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Christine Maloney