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October 5, 2015

Ms. Angela Stea Senior Planner City of Toronto Community Planning Toronto and East York District Toronto City Hall, 18th fl. E., 100 Queen St W Toronto ON M5H 2N2 Canada

Dear Ms. Stea,

Re: 629, 633, and 675 Eastern Avenue – Zoning By-law Amendment Application Toronto Reference No.: 13-195390 STE 30 OZ

MMAH File No.: 20-ZBL-159799

We are aware that your staff report regarding the above noted matter and dated September 18, 2015 will be considered at Toronto and East York Community Council.

Please be advised that the proposed changes to the zoning by-law are related to lands located within the Lower Don Special Policy Area. On April 24, 2015, the City of Toronto provided the Ministry with a formal request for the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Natural Resources and Forestry to approve site and area specific policies (SASP) within OPA 231. A decision from the Ministers has not yet been made on these SASPs, which includes the above noted site. We understand that City staff believe the proposed rezoning to be in keeping with the in effect policies and designations of the Official Plan; we believe that this application is implementing the proposed SASP in OPA 231.

As such, we request that the City not approve this proposed change in zoning until such time as the SASP receives approval from the Ministers.

Should you have any questions or concerns with respect to this matter. Please contact the undersigned at 416-585-6063 or via e-mail at mark christie@ontario.ca.

Yours Truly

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