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To: <u>Planning and Growth Management Committee</u>

Cc: <u>Councillor Wongtam</u>; <u>Joe Cressy</u>

Subject: PG6.6: Mid-Rise Building Performance Standards Monitoring

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Dear Chair and Members of the Planning & Growth Management Committee,

The September 16th meeting of Planning and Growth Management is being asked to act on a staff monitoring report that includes 18 categories of action recommendations and amendments to the current guidelines.

We ask that you defer, for at least two months, any consideration of this report and its recommendations.

This report has come "out of the blue", with insufficient notice (or none at all) to affected parties, especially Neighbourhood Associations such as ourselves. This is an intricate issue and the recommendations need considered input from sources other than the Planning Department itself and the building industry (which, according to a presentation by Lorna Day at the Design Review Panel on September 10th, was extensively consulted).

We are not asking for deferral simply as a stalling tactic. Some of the recommendations seem to us, at first reading, to be excellent. Others, however, have implications that are extremely problematic and run against existing Official Plan policies. We are preparing an analysis that we think will be helpful to the Committee and to Council. In the meantime, please set this item aside.

Thank you for your consideration,

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