



working to keep jobs in South Etobicoke

VIA E-MAIL

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Mayor Tory and Members of City Council,

Re: PG 12.8: Mimico-Judson Secondary Plan and Urban Design Guidelines - Final Report

Further to our letter to the Planning and Growth Committee dated May 10, 2016, we are writing to Council to express our concern with the P&G Committee decision to change the designation of the Judson Street Area (Block "F") west of Royal York and immediately north of and adjacent to the railway yard from Employment to Mixed Use to accommodate a development application for a mixed use development, including several four storey townhouse blocks. The Mimico-Judson Secondary Plan had been developed with broad consultation from area stakeholders, including SEIEA, resulting in a secondary plan, recommended by City Planning Staff which designates this area (Block F) as employment.

This area (Block F) has historically been designated as Employment and currently has employment uses on it. It is disappointing that with the many challenges in creating appropriate buffers between sensitive uses and industrial uses, including railway yards, that where such an opportunity exists and is supported by the community and recommended by City Planning Staff, that it was not approved by P&G Committee.

The Committee Decision allows a conversion to Mixed Use, thereby introducing sensitive uses closer to existing employment uses and the railway yard and creates another interface between commercial and sensitive uses, closer to existing employment uses, and the railway yard. Introduction of sensitive uses creates new conflicts in noise from operations, truck traffic and other effects, often during off hours.

The South Etobicoke Industrial Employers' Association (SEIEA) represents a group of manufacturers and related businesses with facilities in the South Etobicoke Employment Area directly employing approximately 2500 people in this area. SEIEA advocates for the retention and growth of industrial employment in both South Etobicoke and throughout Toronto generally.

We ask Council to turn down the amendment by P&G Committee and approve the designation of Employment for the Judson St block 'F' as originally recommended by Staff.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Brezina".

Al Brezina
Executive Director
South Etobicoke Industrial Employers' Association (SEIEA)