



Grange Community Association
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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

Re: TE 21.29 University of Toronto St. George Campus - Official Plan Amendment Application - Preliminary Report (Ward 20)

I am writing on behalf of the Grange Community Association, which is one of five neighbourhood organizations that abut the St. George campus of the University of Toronto.

We have reviewed the Preliminary Report. It does not adequately canvass the development impact of the University on its surrounding neighbourhoods. We have endeavoured to address these issues with the University through the Community Liaison Committee.

It seems to us that extreme neighbourhood pressures are often created by the University's joint ventures with the private sector. For example, we joined with the City in a united effort at the OMB to anticipate this kind of negative impact and oppose the construction of Knightstone's student "residence" at 245 College Street. This disaster could be repeated with the proposed plans by Daniels and the University at Spadina/Sussex.

Our core concern is that the University should **not** be exporting excessive heights and density into surrounding neighbourhoods,. Instead it should – as a matter of public interest and good citizenship – seek to accommodate its physical growth within the main boundaries of its St. George campus. These issues are referenced, but not resolved, in the staff report.

We will continue to be engaged in this process.

Respectfully submitted,

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CC: Councillor Cressy
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