



## The Annex Residents' Association

January 12, 2017

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)

Representatives of the Annex Residence Association sit on the University's Community Liaison Committee along with representatives of the four other residents' associations that abut the University's St. George Campus. We have been engaged in discussions with the University over the past • years in connection with the development of a new secondary plan for the campus. The Annex abuts the northern limit of the campus from Avenue Road moving west along Bloor Street West to Bathurst Street.

We have reviewed and endorsed the submissions of both the Harbord Village Residents Association dated January 7 and the Grange Community Association dated January 10. Putting the application in context, the University has a Campus Master Plan for the St. George campus dating from June 2011. The application covers the same precinct. We understand that the University's objective is to move from the more prescriptive terms of the Master Plan to a more "flexible" plan. However, with flexibility comes uncertainty which the terms of the application do not resolve.

While the Application contains much that is positive with respect to conservation and protection of heritage resources and enhancing and expanding public realm, many of the development/redevelopment sites in the precinct abut its boundaries along College Street, Spadina Avenue and Bloor Street West. Development does not take place in airtight compartments. Unlike Vegas, what happens in the campus will not stay in the campus. It will impact development in the neighbourhoods that lie just across the street from the campus. The unfortunate Knightstone development at 245 College Street sited in the Grange Community Association letter is a case in point.

The Annex Residents Association specific concern relates to development along the north side of Bloor Street West from Avenue Road to Bathurst Street. This corridor is the subject of the 2009 Bloor Corridor Visioning Study. The portion of the corridor from Bedford road to Walmer Road is also the subject of the Bloor Corridor/Annex Block Study.

We hope that the evolution of the Application will result in a plan that is not only respectful of the neighbourhoods abutting the University but also supportive of the development parameters applicable to these neighbourhoods.

We look forward to continuing participation in the process.  
Yours truly,

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