

September 01, 2020

To whom it may concern:

Re: Construction of 150+ Apartments proposal @ 15 Martha Eaton Way.

We the residents and Owners of 10 Martha Eaton Way want to express that we are against the Rental Building proposal of 15 Martha Eaton Way for another 150+ rental apartments by the Owner of the building for the following reasons.

Firstly it will add to the congestion of an already highly populated neighborhood increasing further density of demography in this small area of land, where already three buildings of 300+ apartments each having a population of 1000 each residing in a small piece of land of few acres. Adding further apartments can create chaos in the area and affecting the cleanliness, flora and fauna, ecology and environment of this area.

We would like to add that the present density of demography in this area is already overcrowded and adding another building with 150+ apartment can create further crowd and rush in the area.

The already existing property at 15 Martha Eaton Way and the properties at 10 and 25 Martha Eaton Way already experience issues because of the limited space and facilities already in place in their respective properties. At 10 Martha Eaton Way we already experience people from 15 and 25 Martha Eaton Way wandering onto the property to use our facilities because they lack sufficient facilities of their own. The above proposal only adds more people and disturbance in the neighbourhood, but also does not address the needs of these same people. This proposal only lessens the available recreational area for the already existing tenants in 15 and 25 Martha Eaton Way. What happens when you add more people to the surrounding area?

Secondly as can be verified by Police records, the area has an already existing problem for unwanted criminal and drug activities leading to law and order problem in the vicinity. The result is our building and area already experiences a negative reputation. Our property values remain low for this very reason and thus we only attract lower income individuals and families to the building. We are already aware that 15 Martha Eaton Way has existing security issues which have at times spilled over onto our property, how is adding 155 more units to the existing property going to ease the security and law and order issues now present?

It is not out of place to mention here that this area is very notorious for shootings and drugs. There have been shootings in the area quite often and recently, there have been shootings 6 times within two weeks in the months of October and November 2019, viz. Near Police Division at, Jane and Lawrence, Jane and Trethewey etc.

Most of the residents of 10 Martha Eaton Way have young families and would love to see the area developed. However development of the area must involve more recreational facilities, transit, Medical, Library etc. than adding to the existing number of dwelling units.

We have to consider the needs of the families in the area, both recreational, their security and law and order. It has been observed that the issues faced by the current residents and owners have been ignored and no thought, planning and consultation from the current residents is taken into consideration before the proposed development goes forward.

Some Residents and Owners attended the Community Consultation Meetings on May 1, 2018 at Brookhaven Public School and on December 9, 2019 at Greek Church by the Counsellor of the Ward and it was observed on December 9th that Counsellor Frances Nunziata was speaking for the Developer representatives and not the peoples of the area.

We feel that the City is trying to fast track the construction of 150+ apartments for the purpose of more revenue at the cost of residents of the area and neighborhood.

It is again requested that no further construction proposal should be approved in this area because this can further create cleanliness, law and order, security and environmental problems, leading to problems for the residents of the area.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Residents of 10 Martha Eaton Way.

