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North York Civic Centre
Main floor, 5100 Yonge St.
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Attention: Carlie Turpin

RE: NY26.16 Construction Staging Area - 146 to 150 Laird Drive (Ward 15)

Dear Chair, Councillor James Pasternak and Members, North York Community Council,

This is to advise of our strong opposition to the recommended arrangements regarding a construction staging area at the above noted location. The staff report proposes closure of both (one) south-bound lane and sidewalk for over two years (southbound lane) and over three years (sidewalk).

The concerns about the project include:

- Traffic likely to divert to Randolph - a residential street with families and children and direct feeder street to Rolph Road Elementary School
- Lack of parallel planning process to implement traffic calming measures in residential area while planning for road closures.
- Loss of sidewalk on west side is extremely dangerous
- Lack of serious consideration of alternatives or ways of reducing the impacts
 - Making use of the vacant property at 134 Laird (former Mazda dealership). Staff said that the applicant claimed that this was unfeasible due to the distance (separated from the site by Stickney Road).
 - Reversing two lane traffic flows in morning and evening (like Jarvis Street)
 - Removing the median
 - (Temporary?) Traffic calming measures on Randolph
 - Re-installation of 30 km/h speed limit signs on Randolph

Furthermore the proposal is being brought forward without consideration of the Leaside/Laird planning context:

- Laird in Focus streetscape plans for west side of Laird
- Leaside Transportation Management Plan underway

We and local residents much appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the proposal at a recent meeting with Transportation Services staff, which was arranged by Councillor Robinson. Residents have many suggestions, including alternatives that need to be considered.

The Councillor has advised us of her intention to refer the matter back to Transportation Services for further consideration, and we strongly support this.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Kettel for

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