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Attn: Matthew Green, Committee Administrator  
Infrastructure and Environment Committee  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M4H 2N2

**Comments for distribution to the Chair and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee**

IEC Meeting: July 7, 2022

**RE: IE 31.20 Metrolinx Proposed Don Valley Layover**

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Dear Chair and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Helliwell Place Residents' Association (Helliwell RA). We represent about 1,500 residents. Our association area extends along Broadview Avenue from Pretoria Avenue to Mortimer Avenue, with a pocket on Nealon Avenue. We remain an active voice on planning and other relevant issues of benefit to our community.

Literally at our doorstep, not surprisingly, many of our members actively enjoy the Lower Don Valley ravine and its trail system and value this special place immensely. We, and many of our members, have actively participated in the 2016 Broadview Avenue Planning Study, which reinforced the knowledge of the Lower Don Valley's environmental, social and cultural significance not only at the City level but beyond.

The Metrolinx layover plans as they stand need full reconsideration given the negative impacts the proposed layover facility and tracks would have on the surrounding ravine parkland.

We support Councillor Fletcher's recommendations that:

1. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services and the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services to request Metrolinx to undertake due diligence on alternate locations for the proposed Don Valley GO train layover facility.
  
2. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services and the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services to ensure the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks is made officially aware of the danger to this ravine parkland by the siting of the proposed layover and tracks.

3. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services and the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services to make the Federal government aware of the impact of this proposed layover and tracks to the Wonscotonach parklands and Don Valley ravine and request the Federal Government to review their financial contribution to this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please keep Helliwell RA informed of all Committee and Council decisions regarding this matter/Agenda Item IE 31.20.

Kind regards,

Magda Haidelmayer  
President  
Helliwell Place Residents' Association

*:: Helliwell RA is committed to improving neighbourhood quality of life, mainly through active participation in municipal planning issues affecting our residents.*

*:: The Helliwell Area encompasses Broadview Avenue (both sides) from Pretoria Avenue (north side) up to Pottery Road/Mortimer Avenue (south side) including the Nealon pocket bounded by Jackman Avenue (both sides) on the east and Fulton Avenue (neither side) on the south.*

*:: Our name is drawn from the 19th century Helliwell farm and estate. The Helliwells were one of the three founding families of the Todmorden mills, brewery, distillery and village, and community leaders of their day. Grant Helliwell, born in 1855 in Todmorden village, East York, was one of the principals of the prominent and prolific Toronto architecture firm Grant & Helliwell, which designed the now heritage Chester Public School.*

Cc: Councillor Paula Fletcher