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Please see below our letter of concern sent to our Councillors on December 11th, and attach it to the documentation for December 17th council meeting Agenda item PH17.2. Thank you.

Carolyn McGee, President

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Subject: Neighbourhood Retail & Services Study - OUR CONCERNS

Dear Councillor Holyday and Councillor Morley

As our IRRA board members are unpacking the City's Neighbourhood Retail & Services Study, we find the proposals for commercializing Toronto residential neighbourhoods alarming. And despite being pitched under the banner of "Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods", they bear no connection whatsoever to the pressing need for more affordable housing.

While the City claims that multiple community consultations were held in the summer and fall, these proposals come as a surprise to us. We were only informed of the December 12th consultation meetings on December 5th, an unreasonable and unnecessary short notice, particularly for volunteer-based organizations such as the IRRA.

Toronto residents, and our IRRA community members, must be legitimately informed and consulted on these sweeping proposed changes to residential neighbourhoods.

Councillor Holyday and Councillor Morley, in respect for your constituents, we ask that you take action to defer the December 17th Council vote to allow substantial time for residents and resident associations like ours to fully study and comment on the Neighbourhood Retail & Services Study.

We look forward to your updates on this matter.

Board of Directors,
Islington Ratepayers & Residents Association

cc: Mayor Olivia Chow, Councillor Brad Bradford, Project Manager Michael Noble