

Dear Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

RE: TE23.8 - 0, 119-125, 160 and 200 Benny Stark Street and 116-122 Turnberry Avenue - Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Application

Dear Committee Chair and Members.

About More Neighbours

More Neighbours Toronto is a volunteer-only organization of housing advocates that believe in building more homes of all kinds for those who dream of building their lives in Toronto. We advocate for reforms to increase the ability to build more homes in every neighbourhood. We are a big-tent organization with members across the political spectrum who are committed to counterbalancing the anti-housing agenda that both dominates Toronto's politics and has created increased costs and environmental burden for a new generation of aspiring residents.

Position on Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendment

More Neighbours Toronto supports the development of this site. It is unfortunate that the Council did not make a decision in the required time as this development would add 1,818 much needed units and urge Council to prioritize making such decisions on time in the future.

The site is well served by transit, being near the St Clair Streetcar and 41 Keele bus route provides quick and direct service to all of the Bloor-Dundas transit connections. As the plan also provides for a park and for an open space block preserving the Lavender Creek system, this site is the kind of accessible, mixed-use development Toronto needs.

We ask the Community Council to continue working with the applicant to allow this redevelopment as soon as possible.

Sincerely, Will de la Guardia More Neighbours Toronto