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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Friday, June 21, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Richard

Last Name: Schwier

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: shweer

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] University Drive

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: HAF June 27, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: HAF and proposed zoning bylaw changes

Comments:

RE: Corridor Residential Designation from Low Density Residential 1 to Corridor Residential

I oppose the sweeping and indiscriminate introduction of four storey development in corridor residential areas. It's a quality-of-life-altering decision being imposed on our neighbourhood, and we suspect many others in Saskatoon. We have lived in our heritage neighbourhood on University Drive for 36 years, and your proposal places the 600, 900, and 1000 blocks of the neighbourhood in the corridor, leaving only the 700 and 800 blocks out of the formula.

Over time, this will most certainly erode the character and history of the area, and the quality of life in the neighbourhood. For example, the prospect of a four storey development next door, and even potentially on both sides of us and pushed out to the setback limit of the City, will place our home in the mouth of a cave. It will also make solar panels useless. And please don't argue that developers will be considerate and take these kinds of issues into consideration, or that the city's approval process will protect our quality of life. A regulation charging developers to sensitively "lessen the appearance of the building's size and shape" is meaningless and almost laughable. Our experience is that developers will leverage any existing standards to maximize profit, and the city is bound by the strict limits of their zoning.

We were assured at a public consultation less than a year ago that this kind of development was out of the question, but perhaps this was before the HAP was in play. Now it is the question—or one of them. We feel we have been misled, and when asked about the actual extent of the planned intrusion into our area (and others), the stated intentions were misinformed or evasive. The City does not need a late gambit of \$41 M from the feds more than it needs the trust of its citizens, and we depend on our local government to protect our quality of life.

And we are not convinced these aggressive decisions will have any significant practical influence on the success of the BRT in the long run, positively or negatively. But being able to trust our local governance will affect every aspect of our lives in this great city.

Other jurisdictions in Canada have found solutions; we should too.

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No