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Hello,

I am a resident of Waterford - [REDACTED] - and I would like to state that myself, my entire family (parents, sister, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins, my children), neighbours, and friends - all residents of Waterford, have deep concerns regarding the new increase in development that is planned for both North and South of Waterford.

One major concern is traffic. We all live in the heart of Waterford ([REDACTED] [REDACTED]) and utilize Main Street to go to work, school, get groceries, the post office, the parks, shops - practically everything we have to do - involves getting onto or crossing over Main Street.

We are a single lane Main road town. So increasing our resident population x 3 - we foresee nothing BUT problems. As it is, turning left or crossing over during morning and after school times has become time consuming and dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians. There are a total of 2 cross walks across Main Street for the entire town - Thompson Road and the push light at Sylvia. We have been informed by the Mayor that first we build, then we deal with traffic. That is a poor planning response by someone who does not even reside in our town.

There are also houses that have yet to be sold in the Villages, new builds going in by the Legion, The new silo subdivision, and the building that is going to be happening in the south by Foodland, as well as other areas being infilled. Why do we need to rush to add more housing, until we can see how the town handles the load that is already slated to be built?

Lastly, One of the great things about our town is the close community. Seeing neighbours and friends out doing their thing. Walkability. Our downtown. Safety both on the roads and in our homes. Tripling this town, you are destroying ALL OF THAT. 15,000 is the population of Paris and that town has become a nightmare to navigate. Many of our new residents have expressed they left towns like Paris / Milton / Port Dover to escape that lifestyle (if you do not believe me, please join one of Waterford's Social Media Groups where this is expressed almost daily).

I have not met or heard from one person who supports this massive growth. Where are these supporting numbers coming from? Are they current residents? Prospective residents who think they will be getting the small town we are fighting to protect? or do they have something to gain from this growth (ie. realtors / investors / mortgage brokers / young politicians trying to impress D. Ford or grow their career).

I have attached a photo of what I mean by issues turning left. This was taken at 1:15 on a Tuesday and has become a regular occurrence. Now imagine living on a side street trying to get through that onto Main.

Thank you for hearing our concerns. We have all signed the petition that is currently circulating.

Respectfully,

Robyn Petrella and friends / family.



