

Addendum 2 to Comments

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Committee of Adjustment

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2354 REBECCA ST

PLAN M6 LOT 127

Proposed

Under Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act*
Zoning By-law 2014-014 requirements RL3-0

1. To permit the maximum *residential floor area ratio* for the *detached dwelling* to be 43.92% (305.51 m²).

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Comments from:

Email in Objections- 1

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April 4, 2022

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File No.: CAV A/059/2022

Subject: Variance Request from the Applicant/Owner of 2354 REBECCA STREET.

Let me give you a brief background before addressing our concerns in regards to the above application. We have lived at 315 Sussex Street for a number of decades. It has for the most part been a quiet neighborhood in which we raised our children. The construction of the Bronte bridge changed traffic patterns in the area dramatically. It is not unusual to see the late afternoon rush hour traffic on the west bound Rebecca Street backing up from Bronte Rd past Sussex Street, making entry to and exit from Sussex Street difficult, and the traffic on Sussex Street is backing up to St.Dominics Crescent and at times beyond.

Now to the application before us.

While it is difficult to object to a neighbours house being slightly larger than allowed, there are some points worth considering before approval is given. And perhaps some conditions should be in place before proceeding.

It is obvious that a larger home requires more building materials, deliveries, contractors and workers, longer construction time, as well as upgrading of the lot's services and infrastructure (200 amp electrical from 100amps, Sewer and Water, Gas, Communications lines and cables). And in regards to the later, I can't even recall how often the Eastbound lane of this busy through fare has been ripped up over the past two years to accommodate the two properties constructed on the south side of Rebecca, just East to the applicant's property.

Living on Sussex Street, we and our neighbours on Sussex, had and still have, the unpleasant experience over the last two years of being impacted by the construction of above mentioned two homes on the south side of Rebecca, Sussex Street became the staging area for their building materials. Meaning, dumping materials on the road in front of our homes and leaving it there until needed: Bricks, gravel, soil, dirt. All day long, smaller but none the less noisy, frontend loaders were shuttling between construction site and the afore mentioned materials. With an almost constant beep — beep — beep, while going in reverse. Between 6am and 10am big trucks with flatbeds were unloading heavy construction and excavation equipment. All the while big diesel engines running. All contractors and their employees were parking the cars in the few spaces left available on both sides of Sussex, thereby leaving only one very narrow lane open for both directions of traffic resulting in traffic chaos. Last summer, one neighbour, trying to navigate out of her driveway dodging a big pile of dirt into a single busy lane, backed into a contractors' truck resulting in approx. \$10,000 damage to both vehicles. Collection service of brush and garbage was negatively impacted as the town was not able to get to it.

In summary, our street and our homes are negatively impacted by the effects of new construction on Rebecca. Unless a satisfactory solution or an acceptable compromise can be found, we are opposed, not necessarily to new construction, but by the way it is carried out. We are also deeply concerned over our declining quality of living on Oakville, and particularly on Sussex Street. The noise, from the construction site, the noise and vibration from the heavy construction equipment on our street, rude contractors (blocking our driveway for hours) and the traffic congestion contribute to an unpleasant, dirty and annoying environment.

Perhaps it is time to look for some new solutions. It may be possible to work out an arrangement with St.Dominics Church to utilize their empty parking lot during weekdays. And maybe some traffic controls could be implemented to regulate traffic and minimize the risk of mishap or accidents. Other jurisdictions require a police officer present for extended lane closures, as there should be on Rebecca. It would also help if the town were to restrict construction in residential areas to the hours from 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday, from the current 6am to 10pm on any day.

Whatever you decide, we are not looking forward to another summer of construction congestion, excessive noise and dirt.

Oh, and one more thing: At no time did the home owners, their construction companies or contractors of any new constructions in close proximity on Rebecca contact us to prepare us for what was going to happen or God forbid, even apologize for any inconvenience. Rather, they have treated our Street as if they owned it.

Please consider this letter also as our request to be notified in writing, of your decision for the application under consideration.

Sincerely,

Tilo and Doris Blankenfeldt