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To: [Committee of Adjustment](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to Pending Application for "5 Henry Street"
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Objecting to a minor variance

**Re: File No. A-15/21 and A-16/21, concerning 5 Henry Street,
Before Committee of Adjustment, December 1, 2021**

Re: Request to receive a copy of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in regards to these applications, cited above.

Dear Secretary and Members of the Committee,

My name is Matthew Weinhover, and I'm new to Orangeville as of September of 2020. My partner Amanda and I, are home-owners at 19 William Street here in Orangeville, exactly across the street from the land municipally known as "5 Henry Street," in Orangeville, ON, / Dufferin County. I'm writing on the behalf of our family and our fellow community members to object to the request for these "minor variances," as they've been referred to in communications I've received so far. It is my belief that these variances are far from "minor" and should be rejected in favour of the community members and their right to maintaining the quality of the neighbourhood.

Being new to the town, we are seeing Orangeville for what it is currently, without a ton of knowledge of what it was in the past. That having been said, we've learned very quickly its a beautiful quiet town with a strong sense community, and every day that we're here affirms our initial interest in moving here in the first place. Even more, our small corner of the neighborhood at William and Henry has become our immediate community, and now having met and cultivated a relationship with practically all of our neighbors, we are over the moon to be a part of this warm and welcoming group of people.

Without getting into specifics of the proposed "severed parcel of land" at 5 Henry Street, my understanding of the application for "minor variances" is a misnomer as such, as it seems the variances are actually quite substantial. These variances and the land-severance application, if approved together, would accommodate what sounds like two income properties that are tone-deaf of the feeling of the neighborhood, wildly out of place, and approved at the detriment of the neighbors closest geographically to them based on a need for privacy, pure volume of residents/tenants in a very small space, parking concerns, and even in the municipality's ability to handle the area with regards to trash services and even snow-plowing.

As pointed out in other letters from the community, Henry Street is a small laneway that is carefully curated and maintained, and a shining example of the beauty and warmth that embodies the town of Orangeville. It is my belief that approving the severance of one property to be used as four separate units in such a small beautiful space, sounds like an attempt to squeeze as much money from the property as possible, and as a result could be considered as ill-intentioned with regards to the neighborhood. The decision to approve or reject this application and these variances is ultimately a decision whether or not the Committee will either support its Community Members, build on the organic and beautiful character of the neighbourhood, and quality of life, OR support profit and greed, and carelessly allow abject intensification of the neighborhood and force residents to manage the strain it'll put on public services. There are parts of Orangeville that have already been allowed new development, and those are areas where developments will actually fit. The property at "5 Henry Street" is far from a good fit.

To keep things short, I would ask the Secretary and Committee to consider how they'd feel if this same scenario came about in your neighborhood, right across the street from you and your family. Should you favour one person's request for profit, or support a community in looking forward to organic growth? My

understanding was that, here in Orangeville, we support community members that contribute and give back to the community instead of simply taking absolutely everything they can.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to participating in the conference call December 1st at 6PM.

Sincerely,

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