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Natalie Wong, Senior Planner

Ref: Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.18.038 (related DA.18.108)
33 Centre Street Inc

Dear Ms Wong:

My husband and I are writing to you as very concerned neighbours with respect to the application for 33 Centre St. My husband, children and I reside at ▉ Elizabeth St which is located in close proximity to this property and would be affected by the plans that have been submitted.

We have a number of concerns that we would ask you to consider when reviewing this application:

1. Changing the nature of the area: The design submitted is not at all in the character of the heritage area. The addition proposed is massive and the set-backs are too small. By designing a massive, modern addition and eliminating the landscaping fringe they are also giving this a complete inner-city, concrete-walled feel vs. the heritage area's current "village" nature.
2. Parking. This has been an ongoing concern for my family as well as the other residents on Elizabeth St. Despite the "no parking" signs and by-law, there is already an issue of cars regularly parking on the street. As you know this is a very narrow street with no sidewalks or curbs. The parking continues to be a hazard both for pedestrians and as well vehicles weaving their way through the car maze. I challenge an emergency vehicle to make it through this street during many of the weekdays. Adding another business with inadequate parking will continue to exacerbate what is an already unacceptable situation.

With this type of historical areas being so rare, we must not allow businesses to corrupt the atmosphere. Businesses have significant choice around where to locate to meet their needs. When the owners purchased this historical site they should have considered and accepted that they were in historic Thornhill and should now comply with the implications of this choice.

Sincerely,

Shirley Porjes & Atul Gupta
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