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Mr Ian Walker
Planning Officer - Large Developments
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**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
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Dear Mr Walker :

Re: Craft Phase 1-9, Highway 35 & Colborne Street, former Town of Lindsay

I will not be able to attend the meeting on December 4 but I did want to offer these comments about the above-mentioned development.

Of utmost importance to me and to the Green Trails Alliance is that all elements necessary to allow active transportation activities, i.e. walking, hiking and biking, be robustly incorporated into the plan.

- It is important that pedestrian traffic be as safe as possible for all ages and all abilities and that it be welcoming. That would, by necessity, mean that all streets with houses on both sides should have sidewalks on both sides. It is not safe to ask anyone to have to cross a street just to walk down the street. If we consider that there will be children and elderly and disabled persons in this community, then the risk for pedestrian injury is even greater with sidewalks on one side only. More importantly, residential streets with sidewalks on one side only create an environment where children and people with disabilities, who might be concerned for their safety, will be less likely to get out for a walk or engage in outdoor activities. We encourage you to require sidewalks on both sides of residential streets.
- I had mentioned at a public meeting that the provincial guideline for inclusion of parks to a 5% proportion of the subdivision area be met. From my reading of the plan, I do not yet see that. Parks and green spaces are necessary for the soul of the community, a place for rest and relaxation. They must be linked within the community by walking and biking paths so that anyone, including children, can easily access them. Some of the parks also need small playgrounds for children. It is not appropriate to regard Wilson Fields as a park that primarily services this community development. Wilson Fields is a sports field for the whole city. It is not a park in the sense of offering a local place to sit down and socialize with other members of this development or a place for children to have unstructured play. We feel it is important to have adequate park space.



- There must be sidewalks and bike paths all along the north side of Colborne Street West (the south side of the development) and along Highway 35 in front of the commercial establishments that will be built there. This is to encourage residents of this development to reach these stores by active transportation safely. Not having such active transportation corridors discourages people from using their feet or bikes and encourages use of automobiles, which is not good for the environment, not good for our health and less safe because of the greater density of cars.
- The multi-use trails must be defined. We feel that they must be used for active transportation solely and not for motorized vehicles.

Thank you for allowing our input. I look forward to comments from your committee.

Sincerely,

Peter Petrosioniak

Director, Green Trails Alliance