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Subject: 458 Nelson
To: Chad Rollins, Christopher Collmorgen

Dear Chad and Christopher,

Thank you for taking the time to write us with your concerns for this project. I share your concern about this type of development in Sandy Hill and in order to address it I have worked with my Council colleagues to implement an interim control bylaw for conversions in Sandy Hill and parts of Old Ottawa. This means that we have placed a moratorium on conversions until staff is able to prepare a report that fixes the policies to ensure that these types of projects are compatible with our community. We will be working on this report closely with ASH and city staff over the coming months and think we will be able to resolve a number of these issues.

Unfortunately, a number of projects had been submitted prior to the implementation of the Interim Control Bylaw and we are obligated to process these applications under the existing policy, under which these types of developments are currently permitted. In order to try to obtain the best project possible for the projects submitted before the deadline, we will work with the planning department and the developers to improve the projects as much as possible. The project at 458 Nelson is in the process of Site Plan Control, which allows an urban planner to review the proposed project to suggest improvements to the proposal. A number of improvements have been made to this project, including better bicycle parking, increased inset to the rooftop patio, better fencing and an improved landscape plan for the front yard. The large tree on the property will also be protected throughout construction. We still obviously have concerns about the compatibility of this development and more importantly the frequency of these developments in our community, but we need to respect the processes in place. We will not be lifting delegated authority on this project but we will continue to work with ASH, staff and Councillor Hume to improve the integration of the existing developments into our neighbourhood. .

I am fully committed to finding a long term solution to bunkhouses in our community. We have had some success with the Site Plan Control requirement and the Interim Control Bylaw, but we recognize that there continue to be some growing pains as the transition occurs.

I am also attaching the letter that was sent to you on July 3rd with further details of the process for this property.

We want to continue to hear from you through this process and invite you to share your concerns with the email that has been set up to address the conversions issue: conversions@ottawa.ca.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if there is anything else we can do to help.

Kind regards,

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