DAGE BARNARD 2680 INLANDER ST Pr. George B.C. RZ100784 - By law 9387 (2690 Queensway)

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I am a homeowner residing at 2680 Inlander St., I have recently become aware of the rezoning application and development of the property located at 2690 Queensway.

As a resident in this neighbourhood, I feel that we have not been fully consulted about the project or given the opportunity to raise questions or bring forth concerns in a forum that is transparent and engaging.

I strongly object to the rezoning application that has been presented as I feel that there appears to be no consideration for the safety and well-being of the residents that live in the area. The increase in traffic flow will have a detrimental effect on the residents as the noise level will markedly increase. In general the area is peaceful and quiet however noise levels from the train track across the river and the highway traffic noise can be disruptive without adding more traffic noise.

Inlander street has limited access to walkways and insufficient street lighting which would pose a safety risk for foot traffic when the traffic flow is inevitably increased. Inlander street has high foot traffic composed of dog walkers, citizens getting out for a walk and children waiting for the school bus. Due to the absence of a sidewalk these pedestrians are walking on the road. Some of these residents are vulnerable and live in the community living home on La Salle and attend the preschool also located on Lasalle. The traffic and lack of parking in the area is already an issue for pedestrians and is likely to become significantly worse once the newly built church opens for worship as it also appears to have very little parking space.

The laneway that leads to Inlander Street from Queensway is of real concern and I currently will not use that access lane unless I am certain there is no other vehicle behind me when attempting to make a turn. It is situated on a blind spot, and I have had some near misses trying to make a right-hand turn from Queensway through that access and have almost been rear ended a couple of times despite giving sufficient signals that I will be turning. The hill that leads to and from the highway on Queensway appears to be a high traffic incident area and an increase flow of traffic trying to access this area has a real potential for that to increase.

I am requesting that council consider this rezoning application and consider the concerns brought forth by the residents.

Dale Barnard 22nd March 2023

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