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Subject: Public Hearing Tuesday April 9, 2024

To: Riverview Town Council

Re: Public Hearing Tuesday April 9, 2024

We are writing to inform you of our strong opposition to the proposed development of three six story apartment buildings on Whitepine directly behind our home on Harvard Court.

Absolutely no where around this land is there anything that large. It should not even be an option to put even one six story building in the back yard of peoples two story residential homes. Why is this not a bylaw of the town! Why is this even being considered! Buildings this large should be properly planned out and they should be in a location that does not include single family residential homes. Why do apartment buildings 3 and 4 story's high keep popping up directly behind or beside peoples 2 story residences in Riverview!

If you are developing this land we would like to know why you aren't considering to build more homes. The Town of Riverview has been sending a very clear message that it is only interested in developing apartment buildings, not single family dwellings.

In recent years the Town had an offer to develop land along Gunnisville Blvd into a new residential area of single family homes. The land owner had agreed to sell and everything was ready to move forward, however, the Town would not allow it because it was not an apartment building and these people moved out of Riverview to Moncton instead. What a waste this was, we could have had another beautiful area of single family homes.

We would like to know why our Town council is not interested in developing single family dwellings. There is a housing shortage. We don't only need apartment buildings. We also need new single family homes. Not everyone wants to live in an apartment.

We understand that someday there is going to be some kind of development in this location. If this land is developed we need more than a promise that the natural buffer of the berm and forest will be respected. The Town must retain ownership of the berm and forest. If the berm and forest is sold as part of the land, the developer will own it and we do not trust that they will respect the proposed plan to keep the berm and the forest. This happened before when building the apartments on Pine Glen behind Grenville Court. The developer did not respect the natural buffer as promised.

Mr. Mayor, a few years back you walked Harvard Court speaking to residents about getting their vote to become a Councillor at Large. You seemed very interested to hear our concerns at the time of election. We would like that same consideration now. We ask all of

you to put yourself in our shoes. If you lived at 93 Harvard Court would you want this type of development in your own backyard. Imagine sitting beside your back yard pool and having eyes from 375 units looking down on you. Would you want three six story apartment buildings blocking your sunshine. Would you want the traffic from 375 units clogging the streets your children walk to school on each day. Would you want three of Riverview's tallest buildings in your backyard.

We do not think you would!

We ask that you please, please come up with a better solution of what to do with the empty land behind our home!

Sincerely,

Jillian and Greg MacDonald

93 Harvard Court

Riverview, NB