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For the file re: public comments for 73 West River.

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Good Morning,

I received the notice about the application for planning at 73 West River Rd application ZBA9-25-RC & PSI-25-RC. I am writing to make some comments about this application and to learn what the next steps are.

My name is Laura Ruuska-MacKay and I am a resident at 81 West River Road. I am very concerned about this application for several reasons:

a) The application states that 71 town homes will be built on this lot. This lot is a small parcel of land. The north end of Paris has enough problems with traffic, infrastructure, and population increases - up to 200 more people, 71 more cars in a small neighbourhood feels very extreme and is not thinking about the people who are currently residing here and how they will be impacted by this. There has been/will be quite a population influx with the development of the golf course and that is enough. More people on this street is going to create issues with traffic and overpopulation in the local schools. Moving around Paris is difficult enough. At some point, I believe it's in our community's best interest to stop and look at how the major growth in population is affecting local residents.

b) This application shows that the forest of Black Walnut that is currently there will be cut down. Not only is Black Walnut a protected species, but this has been a home to many species including deer, wild turkeys, birds, rodents and coyotes. With the building on the golf course, there has been enough destruction of natural habitats in our area. The drainage has been affected and the natural spaces our neighbourhood enjoys and appreciates will also be affected. Looking at the property today, I noted that 50 or more trees will need to be cut down in order to develop the lot in the way they are intending.

I believe this zoning proposal needs to be looked at very carefully considering the construction that has already been happening in the area, the serious impact the

influx of our population has had on major traffic and infrastructure, and the protected black walnut forest that exists on the property and is home to the wildlife of the area.

Thank you very much. I look forward to hearing from you.

Laura Ruuska -MacKay

