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Dear Mr. Van Rooi,

**RE: Official Plan & Zoning By-law Amendment Resubmission
154 Wilson Street East, Ancaster
UHOPA-18-024/ZAC-18-058**

In response to our February 3, 2020 submission of a Tree Preservation Plan prepared by Adesso and the resulting comments from Melissa Kiddie dated February 25, 2020, a revised Tree Preservation Plan has been prepared by Whitehouse Design Group.

Tree Preservation Plan (TPP) issued by Adesso Design Inc. on November 12, 2018 and the second TPP issued by Adesso dated January 31, 2020 recommended 46 trees for removal due to conflict with development. The current TPP prepared by Whitehouse Design Group Inc reviews the existing trees relative to the proposed development, and proposes a more selective approach to removals, with consideration of trees that are in poor health and/or structure.

Fifty-four trees were inventoried in association with this development proposal. Seven of those are adjacent property, one of which is dead and recommended for removal by others. The remaining 6 trees on adjacent property are proposed for protection during construction.

Of the 47 on-site trees, 14 are in poor health/condition. Twelve are recommended for protection during construction in an effort to preserve them. Therefore, 21 trees that are in fair to good health are proposed for removal due to conflict with development.

Previous discussions with staff have resulted in the agreement that trees numbered 14 and 21 on the TPP be compensated at a rate of 2:1 (versus the standard 1:1) in recognition of their size.

The landscape architect sealing this TPP has noted that a Verification of Tree Protection letter will be submitted to the City's Director of Planning, and is recommending that an Arborist be on site during excavation to monitor excavation that must occur within the dripline of trees indicated for protection.

In keeping with the above, please find enclosed five (5) copies of the Tree Preservation Plan and associated letter prepared by Whitehouse Design Group.

Please also accept this letter as our request for a WebEx meeting with the appropriate municipal staff to review this material to allow this application to advance to Planning Committee. Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments.

Regards,
UrbanSolutions



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