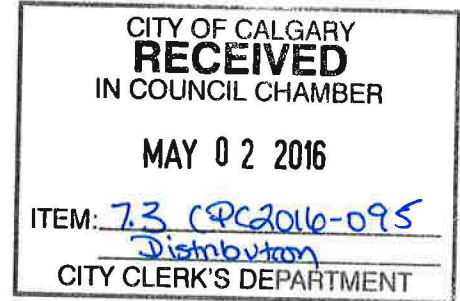


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April 28, 2016

Office of the City Clerk
The City of Calgary
700 Macleod Trail SE
P.O. Box 2100, Station M
Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5



Dear Madame Clerk:

**Re: Land Use Amendment – 135 Hampshire Circle NW
Proposed Bylaw 91D2016 LOC2016-0001**

We are writing to express our opposition to the secondary suite land use application at 135 Hampshire Court NW. Our home is located two doors to the south of the subject property. We are unable to attend the May 02, 2016 Public Hearing on this matter to express our opposition in person because we will be out of the county on a pre-arranged vacation.

The main reasons for our opposition to the proposed re-zoning application are as follows:

- 1) Secondary suites were not contemplated as part of the single-family dwelling concept during the planning and design stages of the Hamptons. Accordingly, the streets in the residential sections are relatively narrow and the street layout and driveway configurations only allow for limited parking. They did not envision the development of secondary suites.
- 2) In addition, there are no back laneways in the Hamptons that would accommodate access to back yard parking facilities. While there is access to bus transit within reasonable walking distance, the nearest C-Train station is approximately 5 kilometers distant. Consequently, it is likely that the tenants in the secondary suite will have their own vehicles. Therefore the secondary suite would encroach on the limited on-street parking availability.
- 3) The house in question is one dwelling removed from a hazardous corner that is the access way for this part of the Hamptons Phase 2 development. The corner is "blind" in that it is difficult to see oncoming traffic when entering the corner. This critical problem is particularly aggravated when cars are parked along the street. Snow accumulations further increase this hazard for vehicles trying to negotiate the corner. The development of a secondary suite will mean more cars parked on the street.
- 4) The design of the Hamptons mandated the use of chain link fences along the property lines. While this creates a pleasant "openness" in the community, the implementation of secondary suites, inherent with increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic, would encroach on the privacy of nearby homeowners.

We trust that City Council will refuse this application.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael O. Diaconescu".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ileana C. Diaconescu".

CPC2016-095 Bylaw 91D2016 (LOC2016-0001, Richard Kimmitt) Re-Zoning

North



South

135 Hampshire Circle NW is indicated by the **orange arrow**.
Yellow arrows indicate access to Hampshire Circle NW.

Aerial photo courtesy Google Earth

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The **yellow left turn arrow** indicates a potentially hazardous situation. One more vehicle parked to the north of the existing row of vehicles plus a vehicle parked across the street presents a very hazardous driving situation. Furthermore, additional parked vehicles in this part of Hampshire Circle create a dangerous situation for pedestrians and cyclists using the link to the Hampshire Grove area to the northwest - see **triple red arrows**.