

Brentwood
CA: Citizen
concerns

Quantitative
data from
feedback forms
(n=43)

Combined Levels of Concern (high + very high)			
Potential Impacts	% High	% Very High	% Combined
Green space/parks	7.0	93.0	100.0
Shadowing	9.3	88.4	97.7
Building height	14.0	83.7	97.7
Trees/tree canopy	11.6	86.0	97.6
Parking	7.0	86.0	93.0
Community character	11.6	81.4	93.0
Privacy	16.3	76.7	93.0
Vehicle access	23.3	60.5	83.8
Landscaping	18.6	65.1	83.7
Pedestrian access	25.6	53.5	79.1

BCA: Topics of citizen concern - *qualitative* data from feedback forms

- opposition to blanket rezoning; lack of consultation
- concerns about role of the City and goal of proposed blanket rezoning
- equating densification with affordability; performance measures lacking
- infrastructure issues: waste, (storm)water, energy, transit, cycling, schools
- *green space, parks, trees and tree canopy, shrubs*
- *community character, sense of place, quality of life, privacy*
- what will be built, shadowing, aesthetics, building design
- parking
- property values
- suggestions for alternative approaches to blanket rezoning

Quotes from Brentwood citizens: missing representation

- Why has there been no community engagement with this proposal? (37)
- The citizens of Calgary should not stand for top-down city-wide upzoning without adequate community consultation and feedback. The way this upzoning has been pushed forward is completely unacceptable. (25)
- I attended the community information session and was disappointed to hear that the recommendations of the task force were accepted without consultation or input from homeowners. (42)
- Stress the importance of community involvement and input BEFORE decisions are made. (8)

Quotes from Brentwood citizens: green spaces, trees and tree canopy

- While this discussion places no monetary value on our green spaces, they are one of the most important parts of our neighbourhoods. They build community, offer opportunity for exercise, and access to nature improves mental health. Green spaces are invaluable and once we lose them, we won't get them back. (37)
- Tree canopy – larger buildings covering 60% of the property will compromise mature tree canopies in inner city neighbourhoods, ie trees will be removed or root systems destroyed during building. (2)
- Trees are not mere niceties, they are necessities. (35)

Quotes from Brentwood citizens: parks and green spaces

- The city of Calgary rezoning map shows the green space between houses from Bannerman to Barrett Dr is lost to rezoning. As well, the area south of bike path to houses or alleys between Brenner and 14 Street are designated for rezoning, severely impacting green space. HUGE CONCERN!! (16)
- Stop removing park lands and other green spaces – know that research shows the immense value of these areas for human and non-human health and well-being. (35)
- All greenspace and parks throughout the City, currently zoned R-C1, should be rezoned to S-SPR to ensure that they're not allowed to be developed in the future. (43)

Quotes from Brentwood citizens: Community character, quality of life, privacy

- With this blanket re-zoning, several considerations are missing, such as lack of privacy for single-family units next door to the re-zoned unit. (9)
- Failure to consider long-term implications of blanket rezoning on quality of life of existing property owners is unacceptable. (35)
- I think the fact that Brentwood was recently named as Calgary's top community, 2 years in a row, says it all. Please let 60+ years of zoning precedence continue to stand. (23)
- Future development will only overcrowd, de-value a mature, treed neighbourhood that gets its value from nature, birds, animals, people, space, & nature. Don't overbuild here. This is not the answer for more housing. (31)

Brentwood residents expect: thoughtful, sensitive, stable planning approach

- Citizens decide through a clear plebiscite
- Adherence to statutory MDP policies that ensure long-term impacts of planning decisions are **sensitive** to the existing community characteristics
- Continued application of principles that ensure established residential **stability** (as per existing SARP)
- The BCA to work with appropriate City of Calgary units to redesignate all current green space/park parcels along John Laurie Blvd to S-SPR