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Pages from Westbrook Communities Local Area Plan (Neighbourhood Local Policy) (1).pdf

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It has been brought to my attention that the highlighted policy in the local area plan will be rescinded at the upcoming meeting. As a resident living in a neighborhood under the limited scale modifier, I am in strong opposition to the idea of removing the restriction on larger scale developments. Section 2.2.1.6 Policy C is well thought out and appropriate for a residential area such as ours. If there are no restrictions on the size of developments for certain residential streets, the number of residents in a given area could grow by anywhere from 4 times to 8 times larger. Restricting large developments to main streets, corner parcels, or across from schools/parks makes perfect sense based on issues related to parking and traffic. Rescinding this policy would be a huge mistake and result in dangerous conditions for pedestrians and vehicles. In addition, there will be pressure put on existing infrastructure for utilities such as hydro and electric.



2.2.1.6 Neighbourhood Local

Neighbourhood Local areas are characterized by a range of housing types and home-based businesses. Neighbourhood Local areas have developed in a variety of ways with characteristics that shape how these areas change and grow, including when the community was built, existing **heritage assets**, established development pattern and access to parks, open space and other amenities. The **public realm** may include features such as landscaped boulevards and public street trees.

The Neighbourhood Local category is the most common category and is applied to the primarily residential areas of the Westbrook Communities.

Limited Scale Policies

The policies in this section only apply to Neighbourhood Local Areas that have the Limited Scale modifier. Limited Scale policies recognize that single-detached housing is, and will continue to be, a desirable housing form and may be developed anywhere within Neighbourhood Local, Limited Scale areas. Secondary suites will continue to be allowed where they are currently permitted by the **Land Use Bylaw** and do not form part of the unit count when considering the following policies.

Policy

- a. Secondary suites are supported where already allowed by the existing land use designation and are not considered a unit in the following policies.
- b. Building forms that contain one or two residential units are supported in Neighbourhood Local, Limited Scale.
- c. Building forms that contain three or more residential units should be supported on parcels with rear lanes in the following areas:
 - i. within transit station area Core Zones and Transition Zones;
 - ii. along a street identified as a Main Street or separated by a lane from a parcel along a Main Street;
 - iii. on corner parcels; or,
 - iv. adjacent to or separated by a road or lane from a school, park or open space greater than 0.4 hectares.
- d. Building forms that contain three or more residential units in Neighbourhood Local, Limited Scale should be designed to complement the surrounding context and consider the impacts of massing, lot coverage and setbacks on the following:
 - i. access to sunlight and shade on adjacent parcels; and,
 - ii. protection of existing, healthy trees or landscaping on the parcel, where appropriate.

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Community planning involves a delicate balance between growth and stability, requiring a thorough understanding of residents' expectations and needs while considering the interests of the City of Calgary. Recent proposals concerning the Westbrook Communities Local Area Plan (LAP) have sparked significant discussions in our Glenbrook neighbourhood, raising concerns about premature policy changes and transparency in the rezoning process.

The existing Westbrook Community LAP was adopted in 2023, less than two years ago. The proposed amendments to the LAP seem premature and overlook the community's commitments to stability and predictability. Moreover, the recent rezoning law (August 2024) has faced widespread public criticism for fast-tracking high-density approvals without adequate community consultation. Therefore, we request that amendments to the LAP be suspended until the real-world impacts of rezoning can be effectively assessed.

Concerns about the City of Calgary's transparency in its processes arose when we learned about two proposed multi-unit developments. These developments do not meet the criteria outlined in policy 2.2.1.6 of the LAP. Regardless of the implications of the proposed amendments, allowing the permit applications to reach circulation status before finalizing those amendments undermines the current democratic planning process and erodes residents' trust in ongoing and future city planning. Both permit applications should be denied, as the proposed developments must conform to existing LAP policies, not speculative changes that have yet to be debated or approved. Therefore, we insist that the City Council and the IPC uphold the public's trust by ensuring that existing policies remain in force until officially amended, providing citizens with clear and predictable rules during development reviews.

We support Glenbrook's thoughtful and gradual densification, including the duplexes with basement suites currently being constructed in our neighbourhood. These smaller-scale dwellings balance growth with livability in our community. We urge the IPC to consider alternative dwelling forms that align with Glenbrook's scale and character.

January 5th, 2025

To: Infrastructure and Planning Committee (IPC)
City of Calgary
[Councillors]

Re: Opposition to Proposed Amendments to the Westbrook Communities Local Area Plan (LAP)

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Planning Committee,

Community planning requires a thoughtful balance between fostering growth and preserving stability—one rooted in transparent processes, meaningful public engagement, and adherence to carefully developed policies.

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We, the residents of Glenbrook, respectfully oppose the proposed amendments and urge the IPC to suspend any changes to the LAP until the rezoning appeal process is concluded and the impacts of recent policy changes can be fully assessed.

Prematurity of Policy Changes and Procedural Concerns

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Specifically, **Section 2.2.1.6** of the LAP establishes clear expectations for development patterns in Glenbrook, prioritizing gradual, context-sensitive densification. This framework was designed to provide stability and predictability for residents and developers alike. Altering it so soon after adoption undermines the commitments made to the community and sets a troubling precedent for reactive, short-term planning.

Further, these proposed amendments are based on a **2024 rezoning policy** that has faced widespread public criticism and remains under **legal appeal**. Moving forward with LAP changes before the rezoning decision is finalized is not only **premature** but also **legally and procedurally irresponsible**. It introduces uncertainty, exposes the City to legal and financial risks, and threatens the enforceability of the LAP should the appeal overturn the rezoning decision.

We strongly urge the IPC to:

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 2. **Maintain the enforceability of the 2023 LAP, including Section 2.2.1.6**, as the governing framework for development reviews until amendments, if any, are formally debated, approved, and transparently communicated.
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Transparency and Public Trust in the Planning Process

The proposed amendments raise broader concerns about transparency and public trust. Residents engaged in good faith during the LAP development process, expecting that its policies would provide clear and enforceable guidelines for growth. The rapid push to amend the LAP so soon after its adoption contradicts those expectations and signals a lack of accountability in the planning process.

We emphasize that:

- **The 2023 LAP policies, including Section 2.2.1.6, remain enforceable** and must not be set aside in favor of speculative amendments based on contested zoning changes.
 - **Premature amendments weaken public confidence** in the City's commitment to democratic planning processes and clear rules for development.
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Environmental and Infrastructure Concerns

In addition to procedural issues, we question whether the proposed amendments account for environmental sustainability and infrastructure capacity.

Higher-density developments should prioritize energy efficiency, tree preservation, and green building standards, yet there has been no clear evaluation of how these principles will be addressed under the proposed changes. Similarly, the potential strain on existing infrastructure—including parking, traffic, and utilities—has not been adequately assessed.

We call on the IPC to:

- **Require infrastructure and environmental impact assessments** before approving any amendments that permit increased density.
- **Incorporate sustainability standards** into the LAP to ensure that growth aligns with Calgary's Climate Resilience Strategy and broader environmental goals.

Affordability and Livability Concerns

The justification for higher-density zoning often centers on addressing housing affordability, yet the proposed amendments lack any guarantees that new developments will meet these goals. Without safeguards, increased density may result in speculative developments and luxury rentals, further exacerbating affordability challenges.

We recommend that the IPC:

- **Tie future density allowances to affordability commitments**, ensuring that development supports Calgary’s housing needs rather than fueling speculation.
- **Encourage gradual and incremental densification strategies**, such as duplexes and rowhouses, which preserve neighborhood character while promoting affordability.

Proposed Alternative Approach

We are not opposed to growth, but we believe it must be gradual, thoughtful, and reflective of community needs. Instead of sudden and large-scale densification, we propose alternative approaches such as duplexes with secondary suites—forms that integrate well within our existing neighborhood context.

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Conclusion

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Sincerely,
Liza Mintz

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Sonya Sharp, Courtney Walcott, Andre Chabot, Sean Chu, Peter Demong, Jasmine Mian, Evan Spencer and Jennifer Wyness

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Please review my document for more details.

I don't like the changes being made to section 2.2.6.1 of the North Hill LAP.

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As succinctly stated by the Crescent Heights Community Association, most of these policies should be as relevant to R-CG as it was before (esp 2.2.1.6.d.i: consideration of the context, shading, tree canopy, etc.)

You can see CHCA's verbatim comments in the NHLAP Reconnect [document](#), pp 39-40 (pp 40-41 in the PDF).

Shouldn't we expect developers to consider the parcel (and its trees), as well as the parcel's neighbours, when they develop their plans?

GREENING THE CITY:

The 2021 NHLAP noted that we have been losing tree canopy over the past 10 years, and had plans to address this.

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- In addition to trees, considering the impacts of shrubs and other soft landscaping....
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TRANSIT:

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