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File 16-1155 /11600 West Dunstan Way

1 message

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Tue, Nov 1, 2016 at 12:03 PM

To: "sharon.dickinson@lacity.org" <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

Dale Denmark
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Re: APPEAL OF BOARD FILE 160040
11600 West Dunstan Way Haul Route
Council File 16-1155

November 1, 2016

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

This letter is in regards to the decision by the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners to approve a Haul Route for the excavation and export of 33,120 cubic yards of dirt from the project site and the adoption of the associated Mitigated Negative Declaration ENV-2016-0457. I and my neighbors adjacent to the alley at Dunstan Way respectfully, but strongly , disagree with this decision.

There are many reasons to **not** go forward with this project which are detailed in a nine page appeal letter with 4 more pages of photo and maps of the site. The glaring denial of health issues that were not addressed in the MND study which the Building and Safety office supplied and approved and then was not mentioned at all as a concern in the Appeal Hearing on October 24th **cannot be overlooked**. As stated in the appeal letter by Dr. Harel Simon, resident of 514 S. Barrington (building on Dunstan Way), there are many violations to be addressed in the MND report. Most alarming is the fact that the site for excavation is very close to a nuclear and chemical waste dump on the adjacent property of the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. 11600 Dunstan Way therefore potentially sits on top of a nuclear/chemical waste via contamination migration from the VA dump site. The MND has not even considered this issue. Our neighborhood demands that this project **cannot proceed until a proper scientific analysis of this issue has been conducted** eg. through the completion of an Environmental Impact Report.

There can be serious health consequences for problems for people along the entire Barrington corridor; this includes children at the Brentwood School which is only 0.2 miles from Dunstan Way and the **excavation site not yet determined to be a safe site**.

The Appeal letter by Dr. Harel Simon address many other issues which are troubling to the public's health and safety as well as major traffic congestion both on Barrington and on **narrow Dunstan Way which has no sidewalks** for the duration of the project construction. Do not forget the parking spaces will be quadrupled in the same area **if project is completed**.

I am asking along with all my neighbors in this Barrington corridor to have all the City Council members who are meeting tomorrow, November 2, 2016 to consider the major consequences of going forward with this project. it is not just another building replacing an older building on Barrington. It is being done on a narrow alley with only one way out and is dangerously close to the hazard waste dump adjacent to the excavation for a 2 level subterranean parking garage for 198 spaces!

Sincerely,

Dale Denmark



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11600 Duncan Way Project

1 message

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Tue, Nov 1, 2016 at 12:07 PM

From: John Perlstein <japerl1164@icloud.com>
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Date: November 1, 2016 at 11:13:12 AM PDT
To: sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

Size of Project is beyond scale compared to existing buildings to be demolished

I have lived at 530 south Barrington for nearly 30 years. This building is immediately south of Dunstan Way . We were notified recently regarding the demolition of the 3 buildings to the east of us abutting the VA property. Also were made aware of the size of the project which was to replace it. Apparently it will add over 150 cars using Dunstan Way which is narrow and more of an alley than a street. We were also made aware of the additional traffic in the alley caused by machines that will be tearing down the existing buildings and trucks carting away dirt and remains of the buildings. They we will use large trucks and machines hauling in and the materials for the construction of the project which is massive in area including a two level underground parking lot for 198 cars..

The route of trucks and vehicles used to accomplish the project creates a danger to others

It is unfortunate that this narrow alley and all the cars using it must use Barrington as an exit point. They will conflict with trucks and and other vehicles connected to the project. We have people who use the alley to walk to Barrington with or without pets that may be endangered by the extra traffic. It is hard to see how the bigger trucks will be able to turn around or back up without hitting vehicles or people exiting the buildings immediately to the west of the project.

To exit Dunstan way onto Barrington Avenue is a dangerous venture. Vehicles are blind to traffic coming in either direction. Construction vehicles will suffer the same problem. It is evident with the increase in traffic exiting there will be major traffic snarls from either directions on Barrington seriously backing up traffic for blocks.

Barrington by itself is a dangerous street to enter or exit with high use by large vehicles which confounds the problem

Barrington is a narrow street with one lane each way. It is near the 405 freeway and is used heavily as a means to get there by not only the residents but cars heading to other areas of the city such as the Valley, South Bay and east side. The street parking is 100% filled with resident parking.

It is difficult to exit at any time during the day and especially tough and dangerous during rush hour. The traffic connected to the project with only make it worse and more dangerous for the residents.

If you could see for yourselves you would see how difficult it is to enter or exit driveways. In addition to cars we have buses, delivery trucks, trash trucks and emergency vehicles. Since Barrington is such a busy street delivery trucks must park in the alley adding additional safety problems during the pendency of the construction. There are many driveways exiting buildings in this particular area which are close enough to have cars exiting the buildings conflicting with the construction trucks exasperating the situation.

It is unclear if a traffic study has been done regarding the increase in traffic on Dunstan Lane and Barrington Avenue.

Serious health dangers involved

May I also add the the destruction of the buildings involved will put asbestos dust, mold and other toxic particles into the air and free many pests who had inhabited the buildings that will create unhealthy situation for all the neighboring buildings despite what precautions the construction company involved takes. Included is a letter from a Cal Tech Physicist, Ryan Mishmash PHD regarding the issue. A s it appears no soil samples have been taken by the builder in this matter, it is as issue which should be settled before removing and hauling the sample to some other sight

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

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 This letter is in regards to the decision by the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners (BBSC) to approve a Haul Route for the excavation and export of 33,120 cubic yards of dirt from the project site and adoption of the associated Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) ENV-2016-0457-MND. My neighbors and I respectfully, but strongly, disagree with this decision. In addition to the many points raised in the appeal letter by Dr. Harel Simon, I have become particularly concerned about the site's extremely close proximity to a nuclear and chemical waste dump present on the adjacent U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) property. This alarming issue has been well-documented over the years in, for example, Ref. [1] (and links therein) and Refs. [2, 3, 4, 5].

As shown in Fig. 1 below, the proposed project site on Dunstan Way nearly touches the area studied by the VA in their 2010 report on the dump. 11600 Dunstan Way thus potentially sits on top of nuclear/chemical waste via contamination migration from the VA dump site. However, it appears that this extremely serious environmental issue has not even been considered in the MND. In fact, the VA itself was not even notified of the project. Thus, as a community, how can we be assured that nuclear and/or chemical waste are not present in the ground beneath the project site, especially given that 33,120 cubic yards of earth are to be removed? Due to the extremely serious nature of this matter in regards to the health, safety, and well-being of the Brentwood community, our neighborhood demands that this project cannot proceed until a proper scientific analysis of this issue has been conducted, for example, through the completion of an Environmental Impact Report. I can ensure you that not doing so will likely lead to a widespread public outcry.

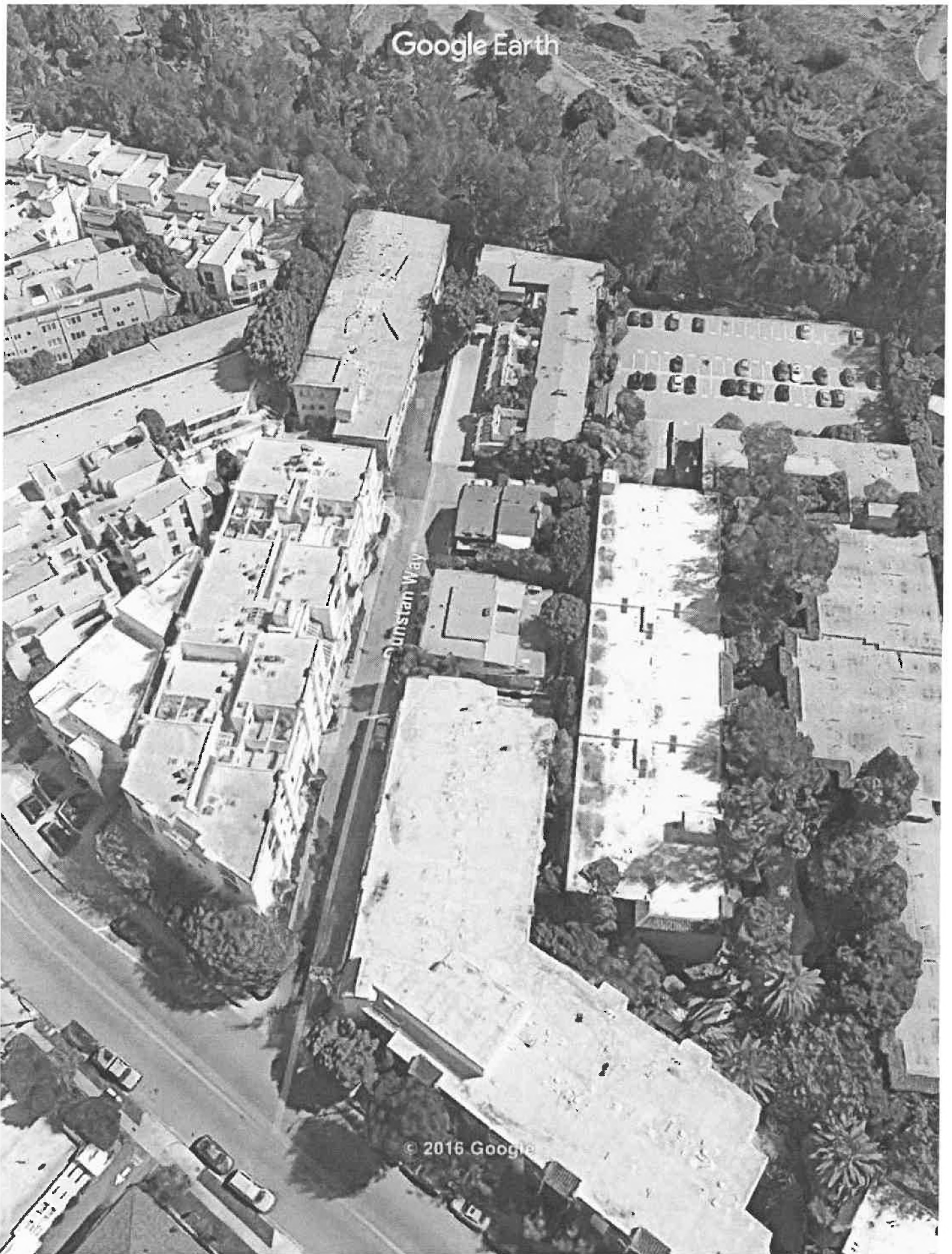
Specifically, I find that the current MND is defective in the following ways:

In the ENVIRONMENTAL SETTINGS section of pg. 5/238 of the MND (pdf document), it is stated ". . . immediately northeast and east of the site is property owned by the federal government. The federally-owned land maintains the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Greater Los Angeles Medical Center and is comprised of various uses; the portion of the campus adjacent to the project site is comprised of an undeveloped open space/landscape buffer." This is a false statement. In fact, the land adjacent to the project site is actually a closed site (see Fig. 2) and is regulated by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (now California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery). Furthermore, the VA itself calls the land an "inactive waste burial site" in Sec. IV. (Existing Conditions and Site Analysis) [8] of the Greater Los Angeles VA's Master Plan [9]. Characterizing the VA land in question as "undeveloped open space/landscape buffer," as in the current MND, is thus incorrect. This flaw in the MND calls into question the potential of contamination migration to locations underneath the project site. In the context of this project, there have clearly been no tests to show that contamination migration has not occurred. Therefore, dust due to excavation could potentially expose people nearby to dangerous toxins. If the dirt were to be reused, it could be hazardous to people in its future location as well. Before proceeding with the project, it is thus imperative that the developer prove that the adjacent dump site has not impacted the soils of the project site. In Sec. I.a. on pg. 16/238 of the MND, it is stated ". . . immediately northeast of the project site is the landscape buffer to the VA Campus." Again, this land is not a "landscape buffer to the VA Campus," but is actually a closed dump site on the VA land.

In conclusion, this nuclear/chemical waste issue—in addition to the multitude of other highly consequential matters as exposed by Dr. Harel Simon's letter—will make the land in the vicinity of the project site nearly uninhabitable for the duration of the project (3 years), as well as cause serious health and safety problems for people along the entire Barrington corridor; this includes children at the Brentwood School which lies only 0.2 miles from 11600 Dunstan Way. I strongly encourage you to not adopt the currently flawed MND but to instead take a serious, proper consideration of the project's vast impact on our community.

Sincerely,
 Dr. Ryan V. Mishmash

Area involved. trees in background belong to the VA property. 2 buildings in the rear and the smaller one underneath the one on the right are the ones to be demolished and replaced with the project in question. The ones fronting Barrington and 514 Barrington on the left and 530 Barrington on the right.



We therefore ask that you not let this project continue.

Thank You for your Kind Attention,

John Perlstein
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Los Angeles, California 90049



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Mega construction on Dunstan Way in Brentwood - Council File 16-1155

1 message

Lorraine Gardner <rainwood10@aol.com>

Tue, Nov 1, 2016 at 1:55 PM

To: sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Hello Ms. Dickinson,

As a long-time resident of 432 S. Barrington Ave., I wish to support the appeal to block the above project. I'm attaching the petition signed by many of the other tenants of this building. I was going to contact the others, but I am housebound, recovering from surgery. Please, please consider our concerns.

Sincerely,
Lorraine Gardner

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Honorable Members of the City Council
City Hall Office
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012 by email to Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org

October 24, 2016

We, the undersigned residents of **432 S. Barrington Ave.**, one of the buildings adjacent to the proposed construction, are opposed to the construction/development at **11600 Dunstan Way** (incorrectly registered as 11600 W Barrington, a non-existent address), for the following reasons:

The traffic resulting from the hauling, construction, and finally the additional residents' cars to an already congested street, the main thoroughfare from Santa Monica to the 405 North.

The added toxic debris and air pollutants that will result from this project.

The noise of demolition and construction during the day that will be a constant stress to those who work at home, are retired, or are at home with young children in this building.

The removal of many trees on the site, which provide shade to portions of our building and contribute to the good air quality as well as bird habitat in the area.

Signature

Printed Name

Lorraine Gardner

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To: Honorable Members of the City Council
Via Ms. Sharon Dickinson, Legislative Assistant
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Re: Council File 16-1155

APPEAL of Board file 160040-11600 West Dunstan Way TRAFFIC STUDY NEEDED

Dear Madam/Sirs:

I am writing to let you know I strongly oppose the large residential “project that is proposed for 11600 West Dunstan Way.

The project information contains no mention of a Traffic Study having been conducted for S. Barrington Ave., which is already terribly congested in the mornings and afternoon to late evening.

The project includes the addition of 150+ cars onto a single alley/driveway that spills onto S. Barrington directly and is the only access. This street does not have adequate width for sidewalk plus two-way traffic currently, and the amount of traffic it adds into the already congested neighborhood are real concerns.

Accidents happen frequently as the cars leaving the residence driveways are trying to turn into this “highway” during times of the day where cars are moving. There are hills and blindspots at many of these driveways. This particular alley is at the bottom of a blind curve down a hill.

While S. Barrington Ave. is referred to as a “thorough-way”, it must also be considered that it is 100% residential along the road from San Vicente to Barrington Place. This makes it particularly unsafe for dog-walkers and other pedestrians trying to dodge the cars exiting their driveways quickly in order to merge onto Barrington.

Again, I respectfully, along with my many neighbors along Barrington Ave request that this project be carefully reviewed for the many reasons that make the project a burden and certainly not a benefit for the neighborhood.

Yours Sincerely,

Tina M Sack, P.E.



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Fwd: 11600 Dunstan Way Construction File 16-1155

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Tue, Nov 1, 2016 at 5:25 PM

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To: sharon.dickerson@lacity.org

Dear Ms. Dickinson,

I have lived in Brentwood for 34 years, 22 of those years at 11600 Dunstan Way. I am over the age of 65, I am still working, and I face the challenge of finding another affordable place to live in this city that I have lived in for such a long time. One of the challenges is finding an affordable, rent controlled building in Brentwood that hasn't been nabbed by a developer and scheduled for demolition and construction of high end unaffordable luxury housing.

This practice over the years has flooded Brentwood with traffic on 2 to 3 main arteries for travel that are clogged with too many cars for the infrastructure in place, ie, traffic lights, crossings, and left turn lanes.

The removal of so many units from the affordable housing market has and will continue to completely change the diversity of the neighborhood.

Eventually this kind of density will make Brentwood an undesirable choice for people who are able to afford the ever increasing rents that the new construction is causing and their property values will decrease.

This project will put out people over 65, people with children, people with pets, and people who have lived in this neighborhood for many many years and call Brentwood home.

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FW: 11600 Dunstan Way Project Haul Route/Council File 16-1155

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Tue, Nov 1, 2016 at 9:56 PM

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From: Esther Sherman
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From: Esther Sherman fmrteach@warever.com

Date: Tuesday, November 01, 2016

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

1. LOCATION OF UNIT

I am a resident of 530 S. Barrington Ave., the building just south of Dunstan Way. I have lived there for the past 30 years. All of the windows of my unit face Dunstan Way. My unit is on street level, separated from Dunstan Way by a very low wall.

2. HEALTH ISSUES

I am 90 years old, with the normal ailments associated with my age, arthritis, high blood pressure, etc. In addition I have PAH, which stands for pulmonary arterial hypertension, which affects my heart and lungs. All the dust and dirt on Dunstan Way coming from the trucks hauling the 33,000 yards of dirt will only exacerbate my condition. I would have to keep all of my windows closed for at least 2 years during the construction. In addition, I don't have double window panes to muffle some of the constant noise.

3. TRAFFIC CONGESTION

There are already 6 driveways feeding traffic into Barrington Ave. which are directly opposite one another. There are exits and entrances to 530 and 550 Barrington Ave. garages as well as the driveway to Dunstan Way on the east side of Barrington which feed into the same area as well as 555, Lorna Court and 527 on the west side of Barrington. 550 has 165 units, and 555 has 101 units. It is a challenge to get out of any of these driveways under the current traffic flow without an accident. Many accidents have occurred from all of these driveways. Having huge trucks coming in and out on an hourly basis, obstructing the view of exiting cars increases the risk for accidents.

4. PROJECT UNSAFE FOR CARS, PEDESTRIANS, AND ANIMALS

Dunstan Way is a narrow private alley with no sidewalk and road is approximately 20 ft wide. It barely handles two-way traffic. Huge hauling trucks will have to do a risky reverse all the way back to Barrington. Without sidewalks, pedestrians are not safe nor are pets such as dogs who are being taken for a walk on Barrington. Several weeks ago a dog walking on Dunstan Way on a leash was killed instantly by a car turning into Dunstan Way.

I would appreciate your consideration to reverse the decision to go forward with the approval of the Dunstan Way Project.

Sincerely,

Esther Sherman