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Lois A. Giles
City Clerk/Manager of Council Administrative Services
City of Guelph, 59 Carden Street
Guelph, Ontario N1H 3A1

Re: Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Bylaw Amendment to permit a mixed use commercial development (File OPO401/ZC0402 - Zehrs)

Dear Ms Giles,

Please accept this as formal notification of Residents for Sustainable Development's desire to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board the February 13, 2006 council decision to approve the above application.

As indicated in my presentation to council, the size of the proposed development imposes an undue traffic burden on the surrounding neighbourhood and places downward pressure on the existing food store at Hartsland Plaza. This in turn places in jeopardy the future viability of the plaza itself.

The proposed development is thus contrary to the goals of the existing Official Plan.

Approving this application of this scale was premature given that the commercial policy review, which addresses the issues this kind of development raises, was not completed. As pointed out by many other speakers at the February 13 council meeting, Loblaw has indicated it does not intend to build for at least a year or two so there was no reason not to delay a decision on this file until the commercial policy debate was concluded.

Please confirm this appeal has been registered. Our application fee for \$125 is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Bennett

c.c James Riddell, planning department.