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Good morning,

My name is Severin Sanders and I am writing as a resident of Sydenham St. in support of the proposed zoning amendment by The Secret Garden Inn.

I have lived on this street for the past 3 years and continue to enjoy the beautiful scenery and warmth of the neighbourhood and its residents. With its meticulous gardens and friendly staff and guests, the Inn is an enormous contributor to what makes Sydenham Ward such an inviting place to live.

It is my understanding that the proposed zoning revisions will increase rather than diminish their contributions to the neighbourhood's charm and sense of community. I know that since moving here, the Inn has been serving breakfast and afternoon tea to guests, and not once have I had an issue with noise, sidewalk congestion, or parking availability.

I noticed that the Inn has their own parking spots as well as a "reservation only" sign for their tea service, both of which have likely lessened the foot and auto traffic on our block. It is my understanding that there are no plans to increase their seating capacity, so I believe that residents will continue to enjoy the neighbourhood without feeling congested by the number of patrons of the Inn.

Furthermore, since there are no plans to modify existing structures or take on large renovations to continue serving their guests, I believe that their proposal is warranted and deserves serious consideration from the city. As a resident, I am in full support of the proposed amendments.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Severin Sanders