

Dear Colleagues:

We own an apartment and live in the Annandale Apartments at 67 Sydenham Street, immediately across the street from the subject property.

We write to support the amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to recognize the Secret Garden as an existing non-conforming use with a restaurant and outdoor patio.

Please add me to the list to speak at the January 9th public meeting, possibly by Zoom, since I am teaching that afternoon.

The Secret Garden is a great bed and breakfast and an excellent use for a large historic house in our neighbourhood, the Old Sydenham Ward Heritage Conservation District. It joins with the Rosemount Inn and Hochelaga Inn to add to the charm of the immediate area.

Another restaurant with an outdoor patio simply adds to the quality of life in the neighbourhood. The patio added to the Curry Original restaurant, one block away has added much enjoyment, and no difficulties, over the past few years.

We are not concerned about additional parking demand – the neighbourhood regularly hosts concerts with 900 people at the Spire, directly across the street, without severe difficulty.

Please approve this amendment to the zoning bylaw.

Sincerely

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