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Hello Planning and Council Team,

As a neighbor, I am opposed to the temple at its current proposal.

Besides the various factors which I will list below, I really have concerns on the integrity of the temple developers.

Based on the first neighborhood meetings, the temple and supporters have not been upfront with the neighborhood community. In fact, during the first few meetings, I asked how many events will there be per year and will there be weddings etc? They told us that there will be around 3-4 events a year, no weddings, funerals or other events. Only 5-6 visitors a day at most to come by to bring food to the monks in the morning. Now, they want to rezone to increase capacity -quasi public which will be conducive for many large events. The temple leaders continue to modify their proposals and once built, I do not believe they will monitor the temple or follow guidelines.

In fact the developers claim the temple is a benefit to the community however, we do not know who in the neighborhood is welcomed to the temple as they also mentioned it is closed and not open to the public, only to their members. I facilities would be open to the community for non profit use and they said NO. So basically our immediate neighborhood is not invited. Other temples like the Sheik temple invites everyone into their community. In addition, the proposed temple members do not reside in our vicinity. There is no public transportation close by so all will have to drive and park in the neighborhood streets which are already packed. The temple should be located closer to their constituents to better serve them.

Furthermore, I am opposed to the temple for the following reasons:

• Adverse effect on the residential amenity of neighbors, by reason of (among other factors) noise*, disturbance*, overlooking, loss of privacy, overshadowing, etc. [* this does not include noise, dust or disturbance arising from the actual construction which may take years, which will be burdensome on the entire neighborhood and schools]

• Unacceptable high density / over-development of the site in residential neighborhood.

• The proposed development is over-bearing, out-of-scale or out of character in terms of its appearance compared with existing development in the vicinity. Size, scope and design
incompatible.

Temple would be in a dense neighborhood with a PRIVATE HOUSE in the MIDDLE of their grounds.

We also live within viewing distance of the temple and do not want to see the out of place temple everyday from our backyard.

• The loss of existing views from neighboring properties would adversely affect the residential amenity of neighboring owners

• The development would adversely affect highway safety or the convenience of road users. Too many schools nearby and many traffic accidents already in Norwood and Ruby.

Please consider all these factors before approving the building of this temple that is out of scope in this residential neighborhood. Thank you for your time.

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