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To: Planning Department
Development Review, Urban Services
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RE: Environmental Impact Statement - 65 Acacia Avenue

To City of Ottawa Planning Staff,

This letter is addressed to the City of Ottawa to deal with the potential impact of the proposed development on the chimney swift habitat at 65 Acacia Avenue. The proposal seeks to demolish an existing single family dwelling and build a new 12 unit low rise apartment building.

The site plan application triggered an Environment Impact Statement study in a potential chimney swift habitat, which is a threatened bird species. The species tends to nest within open old chimneys in urban and suburban areas. The existing building was probably built in the 40's/50's and it used to have a wood burning fireplace with 2 large chimney flues extending to above the roof level. The wood burning fireplace is no longer being used but the chimney has been retained.

Preliminary inspections were done to the existing chimney and it was noted that the chimney flues were already capped with an aluminum cap with screening.

The following pictures were taken of the existing chimney on March 7, 2018 by myself.

Picture 1: Top of chimney looking north

Picture 2: Top of chimney looking north

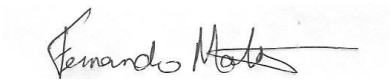
Picture 3: Base of chimney looking east

Picture 4: Top of chimney looking east

The above pictures seems to suggest that a bird would be incapable to nest within the existing chimney flues, and the capping also has metal screening which would further restrain entry into the chimney flues.

We believe the above pictures is satisfactory to prevent any further studies into the Chimney Swift habitat at this property.

Thank you,



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