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**SCHEDULE 13 TO THE MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD
ON AUGUST 23, 2004.**

To: City Clerk, Planning Committee - City of Richmond
Fax: 604 278 5139
Date: August 18, 2004

Re: Pedestrian Access to Stevesten Hwy
Townhouse Development at 11511, 11551, 11571 and 11591 Stevesten Hwy

We are deeply concerned and disappointed that the proposed walkway linking the back lane to Stevesten Hwy was removed from the development plan after the latest Public Information Meeting held on July 6, 2004, even though the developer has agreed to provide a public right of passage along the west side of 11511 Stevesten Hwy. We believe such a decision was made because most of the walkway supporters were not present at the last meeting as the walkway was already included in the plan at that time and the remaining issue seemed to be the vehicle access to the lane.

We think the reasons cited for removing the walkway in the Report to Committee dated July 9, 2004 are groundless.

1. There is no evidence that vandalism and litter are directly linked to the walkway. The poor condition of the existing houses at 11551-11591 Stevesten Hwy and the empty lot at 11511 Stevesten Hwy make the area look like a dump. After the townhouses are built and new residents move in, this area will look differently. More pedestrian traffic will only deter vandalism and littering.
2. The walkway, having existed for more than 10 years, is essential to many residents in the community, especially seniors who shop regularly in Ironwood plaza but don't drive or who take buses on Stevesten Hwy. Without this walkway, a trip to Save-on-foods will include a big loop all the way to Seaward Gate, which is an extra kilometer. It's too long a distance for a senior to walk especially when he/she carries groceries. The existing controlled crosswalk at Coppersmith/Stevesten Hwy is located between Ironwood Plaza and Coppersmith Plaza, a better location than the Seaward Gate crosswalk, so residents have good access to both plazas. If the walkway is removed, this crosswalk will only be useful for the residents living in the new townhouses, but useless for the rest of residents. The residents at large should not be deprived of using this crosswalk just because a few residents don't like pedestrians walk by their houses.
3. The walkway is also important for residents who take buses to and from work on Stevesten Hwy or who rely on public transit to get around. The bus stops are located near the Coppersmith/Stevesten Hwy intersection. If the walkway is removed, the residents (except the townhouse residents) will be forced to use the more distant bus stops. We should encourage people to use public transit by providing easier access to bus stops. Removing the walkway will just do the opposite.
4. The proposed walkway location is much closer to the controlled intersection than the existing one, therefore highly unlikely to encourage jay-walking.
5. The security and privacy issues for the townhouse residents have been well addressed by the developer in his revised proposal dated April 15, 2004.
6. The so-called better location (aligned with the existing pedestrian crosswalk) is not only many years away but also not feasible, because inserting a walkway at that location means that the walkway will pass through the future development site, leaving a narrow strip of land between the walkway and the west side of 11511 Stevesten Hwy. The future developer will certainly reject this plan. It makes more sense to have the walkway between two development sites, not cutting through one.

We call for the Planning Committee to reconsider the impact of removing the walkway on the residents who rely on public transit to get around and who walk to the shopping plazas. Please reverse the decision and keep the walkway at the proposed location—the west side of 11511 Stevesten Hwy.

Thanks for your time and consideration!

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