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Hon. Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Dear Minister Clark:

Proposed implementation of provisions in the Planning Act that provide the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing enhanced authority to address certain matters as part of a zoning order (MZO) (ERO Number: 019-2811)

Site-Plan authority should remain with the Municipality, not the Minister

The Minister should set broad policy goals and not intervene at the site-specific operational level. We have serious concerns with the expanded use of a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) that prevails over any other zoning by-law in effect in the area, giving the Minister complete authority to regulate land use on specific lands. With an MZO, the Minister does not need to give notice or hold a hearing before issuing an order.

The Government has not explained why these expanded Ministerial powers are needed. Planning is the responsibility of municipalities within the framework of broad Provincial policies to allow municipalities the flexibility to deal with their issues and priorities. The MZO allows the Minister to override the due process of local planning by municipalities. MZOs do not require applicants to hold community consultations, nor require them to provide any community benefits.

Municipal governments, with their specialised expertise and local knowledge, are in the best position to ensure that a development proposal is properly planned and is designed to fit in with the surrounding uses and to minimize any negative impacts. The Ministry's mandate is to develop and implement provincial policy and plans at a strategic and policy level, not an operational level.

We disagree with the Province unilaterally making planning decisions through MZOs, and recommend that authority for site-plan control should remain with the municipality.

Sincerely,

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The Lytton Park Residents' Organization ("LPRO") is an incorporated non-profit association, representing member households from Lawrence Avenue West to Roselawn and Briar Hill Avenues, Yonge Street to Saguenay and Proudfoot Avenue.

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