From: Mark Golden []
Sent: Monday, January 03, 2005 10:13 AM
To: Park, Jo-Ann
Subject: Waverley West

Dear Ms Park, I regret that commitments at work will prevent my attending Tuesday's special meeting of EPC. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my vehement opposition to any changes to Plan Winnipeg which would allow the Waverley West proposal to move forward.
To permit more suburban residential development -- especially on the scale of this proposal -- flies in the face of and even undercuts recent (and costly) initiatives to revive Winnipeg's downtown. We have been down this road many times before. (A striking example occurred when the city encouraged the development of suburban shopping complexes at the same time as it built Portage Place.) Like all roads -- in particular those leading development away from downtown -- it is expensive and counterproductive. THe gains will accrue to a few, chiefly the developers and some individual homeowners; the costs will be borne by the community, and largely by those of us who live in and near the core.

I urge the members of EPC to put a stop to this project NOW.

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