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Via e-mail: planning@whitby.ca

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RE: Broccolini Inc. File # DEV-22-20, OPA-2020-W/04 & Z-13-20

Dear Town of Whitby Planning and Development Staff,

As an advocacy group in support of safe cycling, Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) is a not for profit volunteer organization representing the six cycle clubs and other cyclists located in Durham Region.

As such, DRCC is pleased to have the opportunity to provide feedback relating to the above noted application scheduled for Monday, November 09, 2020 following newly established COVID 19 protocol.

Upon review of the publicly posted material, DRCC is very pleased to see the applicant has included under attachment # 4 an Active Transportation Map. As this development moves from planning to a full-scale warehouse operation these roads will see a significant increase in large commercial vehicles which will directly impact the user base we represent.

With safety in mind for our roads most vulnerable users, we ask that the following be taken into consideration in support of active transportation (AT):

- Garrard Road and Conlin Road are primary AT corridors used frequently by our many cycle club members, AT cycling enthusiasts as well as AT commuters traveling to Ontario Tech University. As a condition of approval to the Official Plan Amendment, DRCC recommends the Town of Whitby upgrade the road status on Garrard Road extending north of Taunton Road and the full length of Conlin Road from Cycle Route to Cycle Lane / No Parking with fully protected markings as per OTM Book 18 Guidelines.



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- Upgrade the intersection at Garrard and Conlin by creating a wider apron on the turning radii which will add protection for cyclists waiting in queue following OTM Book 18 Guidelines.
- Reduce the number of vehicle access points from five to three, one on Conlin and two on Garrard thereby reducing potential conflict zones.
- Identify future property entrance easements from Garrard and Conlin with full cycling cross ride markings as per OTM Book 18.
- Provide on site signage within the development exit points indicating vehicles are first crossing an AT protected lane.
- Ensure sight lines within the development exit points onto Conlin and Garrard are unobstructed and provide maximum AT sight line visibility.

Additionally, DRCC notes that the Town of Whitby has recently adopted a new “*Green Standard*” for future development which includes supporting AT as a go forward sustainable mode of transportation.

Quoting report # PL 46-20 we note the following. “*A total of 1,462 parking spaces and 16 motorcycle spaces are included in the proponent’s concept site plan.*” Although the applicant has included an AT map as an attachment, the application does not include something as simple as providing on site parking for AT users.

This said, DRCC is recommending the following action be taken by the applicant in support of the *Green Standard* and AT by:

- Preparing an AT plan recognizing AT as a mode of transportation to their site by future employees thus reducing the dependence on single use vehicles.
- Providing a safe AT corridor across the site from all entrances.
- Dedicating a safe, secure, protected parking space to accommodate AT users.
- Ensuring shower facilities are available in support of AT users arriving on site.
- Supporting the first mile / last mile transit concept as public transit is not available to this location for future employees who want to arrive via AT.

All of these suggestions are low cost, easily attainable and would not only support the new Town of Whitby Green Standard but would also encourage a healthy life style alternative across the community leading by example.



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Lastly, DRCC would appreciate being added to the Town of Whitby notification list for future public notifications specific to this application using our DRCC contact information.

On behalf of every-one at DRCC, thank you for taking time to consider our submission. DRCC understands growth and new development will occur and fully supports responsible well-planned development which incorporates AT into the planning and development process. As safe cycling advocates and community partners, we are optimistic our AT suggestions will be considered to have merit for implementation as this application process unfolds.

Respectfully,

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