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Hello,

On April 9th I addressed a letter concerning Lowney Phase 8 to Prével. Although I was unfortunately unable to attend the Prével presentation of April 28th nor the public consultation at the borough on May 3rd, my neighbours inform me that several of the suggestions made in that letter had been taken into consideration and included in the revised proposal. I was of course very pleased to receive that news and thank you for your consideration.

If I understand correctly, the new proposal reduces the height of part of the building facing William Street. While this is an improvement over the initial proposal, I continue to insist that any future buildings facing the centenary factories of Lowney Phases 1 and 2, and the Dow Brewery Garage should not exceed these in height.

In the hopes of clarifying my reasoning, I have included a document entitled Reflections on Scale, Architecture and Longevity. I have repeatedly asked myself "How is it that in 2010, we risk building a modern housing complex of inferior architectural quality than an eighty-year-old garage for beer trucks? Why must it be taller than the neighbouring buildings to be economically viable? And is it even likely to outlast the neighbouring garage and centenary factories?" The goal of this document is simply to raise the important questions, not to point blame. The Quartier Bonaventure, Projet Griffintown and Bassins du Nouveau Havre developments all raise at least as many similar questions.

As I stated in my first letter, I am pleased that the site of Lowney Phase 8 is being developed by Prével. However, in order for myself and the Committee for the Sustainable Redevelopment of Griffintown to support any eventual plan, it is essential to understand all of the underlying issues and compromises. I would be pleased to meet with you informally to discuss. Do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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Spokesperson for the Committee for the Sustainable Redevelopment of Griffintown