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Parking Impact Assessment New University Drive Student Residence

This note addresses the impact on parking resulting from the construction of a new Student Residence building on Western's campus.

The University manages parking at the master planning level and allocates parking on a zone basis. That is, people buy a permit for a particular zone, not a parking lot. There is no guarantee that parking will be available right next to your building. The University Community is made aware of this when they purchase a permit, and the information is readily available through various sources including Western's parking website.

The new Student Residence, set to welcome an expanded student intake commencing in the fall of 2026, will have one dedicated accessible parking space situated at the building's main entrance. In adherence with the City's Zoning By-law No. Z.-1, the building's Gross Floor Area (GFA) of 28,724 sq.m necessitates an additional 288 parking spaces. However, it is worth noting that only a small minority (3.6%) of students in residence apply for parking, effectively reducing the demand to 11 parking spaces.

While the University acknowledges the likelihood of a slight increase in staff parking to support the new building, we are actively developing a long-term, campus-wide parking strategy, that will include dense parking at the periphery of campus. This strategy is an integral component to the ongoing update to our Open Space Strategy.

In conclusion, based on the information provided, Western University is well-equipped to meet the parking demand resulting from the construction of the new Student Residence building.

Sincerely,

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