

June 2017 - by email

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cc: Marianne Wilkinson; Mark Kristmanson

Re: Light maintenance and storage facility, LRT Phase 2, Moodie Drive

Thank you for holding public meetings and providing an opportunity to comment on this issue.

We have discussed the question of the location of this facility within our Greenspace Alliance network and would like to put our preference on the record.

If the decision is to proceed with one of the three options near Moodie Drive and the 417, our preference would be for the location west of Moodie Drive along Corkstown Rd. In our view, any impact of the LRT on the Greenbelt ought to be concentrated in the 417 corridor. This is consistent with our position on the extension of the LRT to Kanata, which we recently communicated to city staff, wherein we expressed a preference for option #8. This option follows the north side of the 417 through to the terminal in Kanata.

We would not support the option on the east side of Moodie Drive, as it would take out a wooded area widely accessed by the local community. It also represents the type of frittering away of greenspace on the boundary of the Greenbelt that we believe should be avoided in the interest of the long term integrity of this key greenspace asset for the City of Ottawa.

Paul Johanis
Chair, Greenspace Alliance

Since 1997, the Greenspace Alliance has worked with community organizations and individuals to preserve and enhance natural areas in the National Capital area, including public and private greenspaces, wetlands and waterways. We believe that urban greenness is essential for a community's quality of life, contributing to our personal, social, economic, cultural and spiritual well-being. It also connects us with the natural and cultural history of our region.