

June 3, 2025 File No. 23045

Town of Grand Valley 5 Main Street North Grand Valley ON, L9W 5S6

Attn: Mark Kluge, Town Planner

Re: Request for Draft Plan Approval Extension Grand Valley Business Park, Thomasfield Homes

Dear Mr. Kluge,

On behalf of Thomasfield Homes, GSP Group is requesting an extension of draft plan conditions for Thomasfield's employment lands, the Grand Valley Business Park (GVBP), located on Amaranth-East Luther Townline Road, file number Z02-2022 & 22T-202201. The draft plan conditions which were approved on September 27, 2022 are set to expire on September 27. 2025.

As Council and staff are aware, there are several factors influencing the timing of development of the employment lands. The primary challenge is that the GVBP is dependent on the delivery of municipal infrastructure that lies outside of Thomasfield's direct control. The vision for the GVBP is a fully serviced business park with both municipal water and sanitary services, including a sewage pumping station that is intended to serve both the Moco subdivision and the GVBP lands. Watermains are also planned to extend along the future collector road through the Moco subdivision, crossing Boyne Creek.

We also understand that the Town of Grand Valley is initiating an update to the Master Servicing Plan, which may identify the need for a water tower—an additional infrastructure component that could influence project timelines.

Further, the current draft plan conditions require servicing to be in place before the Town can issue clearance. As such, Thomasfield is unable to clear conditions until the necessary infrastructure is advanced.

While draft plan approval for the GVBP was granted for a 3-year time period, we would kindly request that Council consider a 5-year extension of draft plan conditions given the prolonged timelines that infrastructure projects often incur.



On a separate matter, Thomasfield is pleased that the County of Dufferin, through the Municipal Comprehensive Review, approved the expansion of Grand Valley's urban boundary to include additional employment lands extending south to County Road 109. This expansion strengthens and will eventually complete the GVBP layout. The addition of frontage along County Road 109 provides excellent visibility, supports flexible lot configurations, and enhances the attractiveness of the business park to a broader range of potential users.

We respectfully request Council's support for a draft plan extension and consideration of a 5-year extension. The eventual development of the GVBP will meaningfully contribute to Grand Valley's economic base and support the Town's evolution into a complete community. Grand Valley has many advantages that make it a desirable location for business investment, and Thomasfield remains committed to seeing this project succeed.

We appreciate Council's consideration and support as we continue to advance this employment lands initiative in alignment with infrastructure availability.

Sincerely,

**GSP Group Inc.** 

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