

Discussion on [REINS](#) (Cameron to Cedar group)

#1. What are the core characteristics of your street, what is it that give your neighbourhood its character?

- Kitchener Farmer's Market
- Front Porches
- History of buildings and area
- Diversity of people (in age, culture, incomes), welcoming of diversity
- Walkability
- Location
- Big Trees, Shade in some parts
- Size of the streets - the width keeps the houses close together, connected
- Distance of houses from the street - most do not butt up against the sidewalk and aren't set too far back, a good 'conversational' distance from where people pass by
- No garages, or at least hidden garages
- **Funky old styles - interesting facades, brick, porches**
- **People first designs (as opposed to cars) - front porches instead of garages, walk to amenities and transit**

#2. How will KENA benefit from having a higher residential population? What do you think this could bring to King East, what could we accomplish?

- **Improve businesses, attract more businesses relevant to residents**
- More foot traffic brings more energy, momentum, and pride in neighbourhood
- **Make it easier to stay and grow/change, good to live in during all life phases** (single family homes might be good for growing families, but low rises are good for young professionals, older adults who can't do stairs (elevators) and would like to be close to others, and can be designed to provide good low income housing options)
- Friendly to all ages
- More people and activity creates more connections
- Better use of public services (like transit)
- More efficient use of taxes, improve services as improvements affect more people