

November 16, 2021

To the Members of Council

We are writing with regards to the proposed land use change at 1558 Green Road, Bowmanville.

We registered to speak at the committee meeting on November 15, 2021, however we missed our opportunity due to access problems. We are asking to have our concerns read at the next council meeting and we thank you in advance for allowing us to have a voice.

The following are the issues that we would ask to be considered when reviewing this proposal.

- The 3 storey/35 foot high units are not consistent with the existing homes. These buildings will tower over our backyards leaving us with little to no privacy, especially due to their proximity to the lot lines and the 2nd floor balconies. This will greatly impact the enjoyment and usage of our backyard. We feel 2 storey homes would better conform to the architectural design of the existing homes and blend in more seamlessly in Clarington Corners.
- 4 of the 7 properties surrounding this lot have pools. The houses in this proposal would allow for an unobstructed view of the pools and those enjoying them.
- We feel this property is better suited for 3 or 4 two-storey single dwelling homes with each having driveway access to Green Road. This way, the houses could be set more forward on the lot by omitting the need for a communal driveway. This allows for bigger backyards and some of the mature trees, especially the ones along the west side of the lot, to be saved.
- Lastly, the proposed development would greatly reduce the resale value of our property. Backing onto single dwelling homes is a much more desirable option than 30-foot-high semi-detached homes.

We understand that things change and development happens. All we are asking is that the existing neighbourhood and the people who live there are considered when reviewing this proposal.

Bowmanville has been our home for 29 years and 23 of them have been in this home. The small-town feel, and lack of overcrowding have always been the allure of this beautiful community. We hope that this can be maintained.

Thanks for your consideration,

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