

Dear Mr. Ruggle,

Although we will be unable to make the meeting on May 4th, my family is 110% against the proposed changes to this intersection.

Among the reasons brought up by Lucia Ben's fliers (attached), our house is in front of a park (938 Janette) and the increase in traffic will only decrease the safety of all users. And to be honest, we still haven't figured out your no parking policy which causes people to park in front of our houses and forces the children to run across the street in front of parked cars. You are free to ask my 2 children or look at our security camera as proof.

In addition & in brief along with a few questions I fail to see the following:

- From Janette to Leslie north and Leslie North to Janette, having the proposed station will cause traffic chaos. Going safely north onto Leslie is hard enough with the traffic and TS Tech across the street. Using Jefferson to Elgin is even riskier given the blind hill.
- I personally see no need for a gas station or store since there are plenty north and south on Leslie - away from residential areas. While this a NIMBY deal, I fail to see the investment when there are- gas stations - convenience stores and a Subway all less than 1km away.
- We bought our house due to it's location and avoided Elgin due to the traffic-if the plan does go ahead, who will compensate property owners for the loss in property value? Having the gas station will only increase the traffic on Janette street as it would be the path of least resistance from the west.
- Is the city willing to pay for independent unbiased full property evaluations before and after and compensate for property losses and reduce taxes?
- If alteration to traffic were needed, who will pay for them? Hopefully not our taxes -especially when most people are against the proposal.
- Every other day, the city test the water at the sampling station in the park in front of our house and for a reason - Walkerton as one city worker told me. Is the city ready to start soil & air testing to protect the property owners prior to changes and for the life of the gas station and there after? Who will pay for this - hopefully not the taxpayers.
- Even though there are regulation for underground storage, may I remind you that in the past 10 years or so, 2 gas stations have vanished leaving major remedial work (ie Davis and Leslie which lasted 10+ years). I bet back when they built it they thought it would never happen as they would say today. I do not know the geomorphology of the area but I do know that water runs downhill - towards my property and the city's sewer system. Is the town ready to accept any and all responsibility & guarantee in writing that any property owners will be compensated for any damages or loss in property value?

Ms Ben has a petition which we are unable to sign on for right now but consider 4 additions to her list and 1 more from the cat if he were able to.

Warm regards,

Kevin Clare

# ATTENTION LESLIE/JANETTE & SURROUNDING AREA RESIDENTS

**Re: PROPOSED GAS STATION ON LESLIE AND JANETTE**

**There is a proposed plan for a gas station on Janette and Leslie. As residents of this area we are concerned with the potential impact of this on our homes and neighbourhood. We write this letter because there is an opportunity for residents to share our concerns with the Town of Newmarket Senior Planner.**

Proposed Plan:

- 4 Gas Dispensing Stations (8 pumps) to be situated on the premises of Janette & Leslie
- plus Convenience Store and Subway restaurant

Concerns in regards to proposed plan for a Gas Station on Janette & Leslie:

- Close proximity of gas station to residential dwellings!
- Traffic concerns: The planned one full movement driveway onto Janette Street will increase traffic and speed on our residential street and cause concern for safety of pedestrians and children.
- Noise Pollution: Increase in noise pollution because of high traffic & related nuisance. Quiet enjoyment of home space may be impacted because of constant activity at the gas station throughout the day and through the nights.
- Light Pollution: Planned increase in lighting for the continuous operation of gas station.
- Health concerns: Underground gasoline storage tanks and possible health hazards caused by vaporized gas fumes etc.

These are few of the concerns that my letter to the town planner will address. The more residents that share their concerns with the Town of Newmarket the more likely it will be heard. Please see the overleaf for email address of the Town of Newmarket senior planner. Please consider writing a letter and/or attending the town hall meeting on May 4th.

Please also consider signing your name to the Petition List we wish to present to the Newmarket City Council on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The link can be accessed by typing the following web address:

**[https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Town\\_of\\_Newmarket\\_City\\_Council\\_Save\\_Newmarket\\_Residential\\_Neighbourhood/?nNUypjb](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Town_of_Newmarket_City_Council_Save_Newmarket_Residential_Neighbourhood/?nNUypjb)**

If I can be of any assistance please email me: [lucia.ben@sympatico.ca](mailto:lucia.ben@sympatico.ca)

Thank you

Concerned Neighbour