

Dear Newmarket Council,

I am writing you today in support of the above noted application. My wife, Jennifer, and I are long-time residents of Newmarket. We have recently sold our home near the Magna Centre off Mulock. We are looking to downsize, and our goal was to buy a home within walking distance of Main Street. We expect that this home would need to undergo renovations and there is a good chance it might need an addition or some changes to the structure, but certainly within zoning regulations.

We have spoken to a number of builders and there seems to be a consistent refrain in Newmarket that even if you are making changes that do not contravene local zoning the process to have this changes approved is onerous and appears to be highly subject to NIMBY types.

I know the Ciccarelli's well as they are long-time neighbours. They have taken great care to follow the rules and design an addition that flows well with the area and with minimal impact to the streetscape. Not approving additions that fall within your own rules sets a terrible precedent and creates an environment that will lead to the eventual decay of our local neighbourhoods and the local economy. In speaking with several local contractors, they are concerned about their livelihood.

We will certainly have to reconsider our future plans if following the rules still means you cannot make changes to your property, as I'm sure you can understand.

Regards,

Rob Anderson.