

Dear Mr. Mayor and Newmarket Counselors,

We'd like to thank you for giving us this opportunity to file our complaints and express our strong concerns of this proposed zone change at 849 Gorham Street.

We received notice from the Town of Newmarket that a developer has applied to rezone our adjacent neighbor, 849 Gorham St., from a company (industrial use) in a single house to a residential use of Twenty (20) Townhouse Units and Two (2) Semi-Detached Units. Since we are completely opposed to this proposed zone change, we are writing to confirm that this proposed rezone is very unacceptable.

First of all, this proposed rezone will change the character of our neighborhood from a low-density to a high-density residential. Without any hesitates, this rezone will lead to a bigger population in this region and generate more traffic along Gorham Street. In the past three years, when going to work in the morning, we have found it's been very challenge to turn left on Gorham Street from Alexander Road. This high-density residential will worse the traffic and cause much more inconvenience to the residents who take Gorham Street on daily basis.

On the top of that, these three-storey high Townhouses will leave no privacy to the surrounding ten (10) neighbors, who're currently living in Bungalows and two-storey high houses. We can not imagine how we are going to live with curtains or blinds on all day along. Even during bright days, the chance to expose to the sunny daylight from our home will be minimized. People may say that you can install frosted/blur glass. I am strongly agreed with that but those days you can freely enjoy the blue sky from your rear windows will be forever gone. Remember, when we bought our house, there is nothing to constrain our freedom, but this proposed rezone (if succeed) will completely change our daily life, in a negative way I would say.

Last but not least, this massive new development will generate lots of ground-borne vibrations during the construction process. Since our property is adjacent to this construction zone, this bad vibration will not only disturb our family but also shake the entire house and cause the long-term damage, such as tiles crack, drywall fractures, and leaking basement. If any proposed rezone was approved, we would highly recommend Town of Newmarket to monitor vibrations during the construction process to ensure the neighbors and buildings are not suffering long-term damage as a result of the new development at 849 Gorham Street.

With all above concerns, we're strongly against this proposed rezone.

Regards,

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