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Subject: File number D09NP2003 (OPA) D14NP2003(ZBA). Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment for 849 Gorham Street
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To Whom it may Concern:

I am upset and completely against the zoning By-Law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act RSO1990 as amended and a proposed Official Plan Amendment under Section 17 of the Planning Act, RSO1990 for the following reasons:

- this area would become such high density with no green space provided for home owners and family to enjoy, which is a challenge in the current world-wide pandemic;
- the idea of removing a large portion of the existing trees, now the home to many birds and wildlife would result in a loss of their habitat (eg. for winter shelter). These trees also provide privacy and protection to homes from harsh weather elements;
- the proposed plans for this development will not fit into our single 2 storey high family homes' neighbourhood. The 3-storey townhouses and 2 semi-detached houses will be towering over our homes, looking into our windows and doors and will not allow for privacy. Designated privacy fence is not nearly high enough;
- very concerned about the water drainage and with the retaining walls being established. I am also concerned with the effect these houses will have on the air movement through the neighbourhood thus increasing reliance on air conditioning in the summer months;
- concerned about emergency vehicles (fire and ambulance) and garbage trucks how they will be able to access in such a high density development;
- Gorham Street is a very busy and can be a congested street and I feel that the street will be more so during construction and when the development might be completed. Noise and air quality during construction is a huge concern. As it is, Gorham at Bayview/Prospect already cannot accommodate vehicles during left going south. Vehicles can be backed up several blocks - this has been reported to the Town of Newmarket but with no results. Vehicles are using Gorham Street has a by-pass to the 404, police vehicles going to the court house, emergency vehicles (fire and ambulance). We also have 2 group homes, 2 senior buildings, several school busses feeding into 4 local schools. Making left-hand turns can be a challenge at the best;
- during construction with the heavy equipment, who will cover the damage to private property of the current homeowners?

These are just a few reasons to refuse the authorization in amending the application for the property located at 849 Gorham Street, Newmarket, Ontario.

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