

Hi

We received the request for exemption to the interim control by-law for 181 Beechwood, thank you.

I had sent some comments to planning but I am not sure if those would be included for the meeting coming up on Oct 5th or not so wanted to forward them, as well as additional information in the form of pictures. (attached)

We do not have any objections specific to the dwelling itself, what is being proposed as a single-story unit is certainly in keeping with the area in terms of look and feel and is similar to what was recently built on the adjacent lot.

Our only concern and objection would be due to the potential removal of trees. The proposed plan included the removal of 3 large trees.

When this lot was initially cleared of the previous structure and was prepared to be severed, there were a large number of trees cut down. (20+)

Some were 50-100 years old. These cannot be replaced in our lifetime and a monetary payment to the town provides little support in maintaining the mature woodlot on our street directly or to that of the town.

To see further devastation to the woodlot on this property would be another serious blow to the declining tree canopy in the older Newmarket area.

I recognize council may not always have a visual of the specifics spoken of in replies such as this, so I've attached photos of the tree's that the proposal is siting to remove. In these you will see the size and beauty of these trees.

The first includes for scale, a portion the structure on the adjacent lot as well as in the foreground a sapling that would be similar in size to anything that would be planted in their stead, the second from farther away includes the top of the roof line of a two-story home and would give an idea of just how tall and with that how old these trees really are.

Hopefully, these can serve to provide a measure of exactly how big a loss to our local forestry this would be.

Perhaps there is a potential to situate the building a bit differently or adjust the design that would allow for no further trees being removed. I hope that can be considered.

Thank you

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