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Julie Schatz, Newmarket resident, October 12, 2020.

It is disappointing to see that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this housing development is inadequate and incomplete. The errors and omissions are disturbing, especially those related to the protection of endangered species, species at risk, and their habitats. The proposed removal of virtually all existing trees is a major issue in this regard.

Also, it is clear from Ontario government guidance on properly carrying out such EIS investigations, that some of the necessary field work (for example, surveys for turtles and redbreasted dace and assessment of their local habitats) will not be possible until Spring 2021 at the earliest.

Thus, will the responsible agencies (Town of Newmarket, York Region, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change) publicly commit to and ensure, when the time comes for final evaluation of this proposed development, and any later revisions or iterations, that all applicable environmental regulations and guidance be thoroughly evaluated and no approval given unless all requirements are met?

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