

To whom it may concern,

I write to register my strenuous opposition to the proposed change to the purpose of the Oak Ridges Moraine land.

Over the past 10 years, I have watched with ever increasing concern as farm after farm has been turned into high density housing.

The fact that infrastructure is not keeping pace with the development is a separate, but equally important, concern.

We are the guardians of the green belt and it's our duty to protect and preserve it for future generations. The wildlife that lives therein is part of a delicate eco system that has existed for thousands of years and we have no business interfering with it.

At this rate, there will be no green space left in 10 years. It is said that land is the only thing they're not making more of. Once you sign away our green spaces, you condemn Newmarket and the surrounding towns to overcrowding and urban chaos.

This once bucolic area of the region is in danger of becoming a massive subdivision jungle. Instead of small towns of character, the area will become one homogeneous suburb. No thanks.

I call upon the Council to take a long term view; to think about conservation and not to do what is expedient and lucrative in the short term.

Yours sincerely,

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