

I am shocked and disappointed that Newmarket Town Council is even considering an application for the development of any portion of the little remaining natural area within its boundaries, let alone on such environmentally important land as the Oak Ridges Moraine! Surely the global effects of climate change, with massive and wide-spread fires and flooding, and the rapid disappearance of icefields, are warning enough that we need to be fighting hard to protect our land, not destroying our ecosystem for financial gain!

Building 'estate' homes will not solve the appalling lack of housing for lower income youth and families. Given the Town's recent significant investment in the Yonge Street and Davis Drive transit system, I would expect the focus to be on building upward along these corridors with high rise apartments, condos and senior living, not spreading outward.

It is incumbent on the Council to act as good stewards of Newmarket's natural resources.

Please, reject this application by Shining Hill Estates for development in southwest Newmarket!

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