

Attn: Clerk, Town of Newmarket

Please accept this email as my comments/input for Council's Jan 23rd Discussion re: Shining Hill Estates.

I have been a resident of Newmarket for almost 40 years in Ward 4. I have generally enjoyed seeing the Town grow over these years but have not previously chosen to offer Council any comments on developments.

I am Opposed to the Town of Newmarket approving the proposed Shining Hill Estates development in the south west corner of Newmarket.

I find it shocking that previous Councils of Newmarket have found the courage and strength to protect our sensitive environment in the area of the Oak Ridges Moraine by passing legislation to prevent development on those lands and yet it appears that the current Council of Newmarket are struggling to see or cannot see the wisdom in their predecessors.

Protecting the environment was of only some concern 30 years ago. I understand that less than 20 years ago Newmarket went a step further and designated most of the moraine lands as an environmental protection area, which has prevented new development there ever since. How is it possible in today's heightened awareness and focus on the environment that we would ignore the wisdom of the past and destroy an environmental sensitive area.

One only needs to view the online map of Newmarket ([https://www.newmarket.ca/LivingHere/Documents/TrailGuide2012\\_M.pdf](https://www.newmarket.ca/LivingHere/Documents/TrailGuide2012_M.pdf)) to see that overall we are weak at green space and trails. In fact, the south west quadrant is mostly void of these. Additionally, my understanding is that the planned development is for high density accommodation. I would expect that this would also have the characteristic of needing better public transit. It would seem to me that high density development should be focused on the existing key public transit routes to prop them up and make public transit more sustainable.

Please share my concerns with Council and let me know what decisions are made at the meeting tomorrow.

Thanks,  
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