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Subject: Request by Shining Hill to amend Newmarkets official plan

I am writing to you in response to the request by Shining Hill Estates developer to amend Newmarket's official plan to redesignate sensitive Oak Ridges moraine land to allow for it to be developed into residential and commercial buildings.

As a Newmarket resident and one of the hundreds (if not thousands) of people who enjoy the trails which border these lands - including the wildlife that call these lands home - I fail to see any reason why one of the last remaining greenspaces in all of Newmarket should be developed. Especially one that is part of an important greenbelt and ecologically sensitive area, the Oak Ridges Moraine.

There is a reason that this was protected in Newmarket's official plan. Does that not mean anything? Is it just a designation to make us feel good until a developer request comes along and then we say oh its not important to protect anymore? There is development everywhere now. Its a disgrace that more has not been done already to protect natural areas in Newmarket. Where does it stop? Well, it sure as hell should stop with this request.

Please do not amend the official plan. Please stand by the protection given to these, now rare, natural spaces.

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