

Hello –

I am writing regarding Shining Hill Estate's proposal to amend Newmarket's official plan and redesignate two large parcels of undeveloped land to allow for future development.

I am appalled that the town is entertaining this request.

Removing more greenspace from the community will forever damage the character and quality of the town of Newmarket as a place to live. The greenspace provides not only habitat for animals and flora species, but a much need place for the residents of Newmarket and surrounding areas to use as a place to enjoy nature. People desperately need greenspace for their physical and mental health as evidenced by the thousands of people who are out using the trails and hiking paths in our community. This need has only become more acute since the Covid-19 pandemic began.

Municipalities have a duty to look out for the best interest of their communities and the town of Newmarket needs to protect what precious nature we have left in our community. Our children deserve more than just a legacy of an overdeveloped town with little to no greenspace.

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