

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my compete and total opposition to the proposed development of the “Shinning Hill Estate” development.

I have lived in Newmarket since approximately 1996, first on Coventry Hill Trail and now on Valley Green Trail—which areas immediately neighbour the development lands in question.

Since moving to this area, I have witnessed the ongoing eradication of green space. It seems that every year, another stretch of farmland or forest is wiped out forever in our area in favour of yet another nameless, characterless development. When a plot of land is developed, the natural space is gone forever. What is the loss to future generations of this space? The cost is incalculable. We owe it to ourselves and future generations to value and preserve what little remains of our natural spaces in this town. The problem with residential development is that there is a clear benefit presented financially by the developer when a project is proposed. No doubt the Town has calculated how many more tax paying homes will be added to the budget from this project, if approved, however the cost/benefit equation needs to put a price on the loss of our green space.

As well, the Town is not planning on building more roads—Yonge Street is a busy road already. With ever more housing being built, this area is getting more and more congested. What kind of a Town does council see in our future? Who is looking out for the better good of our community and future generations?

I am opposed to the development. Thank you for reading my email.

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