

We have been proud residents of Newmarket since the 1981. Both my wife and I were both fortunate to grow up here. We moved away but then decided to come back to Newmarket to raise our family in 2005. We have both seen many changes to our Community.... mainly positive changes.

We currently live on Coventry Hill Trail. We moved to this street 5 years ago with the knowledge that the lands to the South of our street were Oakridges Moraine and protected by the law passed at the Provincial level. We were very shocked and disappointed when we learned of the proposed Shining Hill Development. I (Mark) attended the Public meeting at the Town of Newmarket in 2020 and could not believe that Newmarket Council was even considering invoking their Municipal power to supersede the protection of this tremendous Natural Resource.

As longtime residents, we are proud that Newmarket has been able to grow and prosper as a vibrant and sustainable town but have been able to maintain it's smaller town community feel. Other municipalities such as Mississauga and Markham have grown into "concrete jungles" with their never ending residential and industrial developments. One of the reasons why Newmarket is special and desirable is because we have a good balance of natural areas, parks, walking trails, etc.

The proposed Shining Hill Development will add thousands of homes to a Community without the infrastructure to support it (hospitals, longterm care facilities, roads, transit, schools etc.) and have a significant negative environmental impact on one of the Regions most prized natural habitats - The Oakridges Moraine.

We are asking you not to re-designate the lands to allow additional residential, industrial and commercial development on this environmental protected property. In our opinion, Council was not elected by the residents of Newmarket to make such a monumental change to the urban landscape of Newmarket in this fashion. We recommend that the decision to allow this development to go forward should be an election issue and delayed until at that time.

In addition, the residents of Ward 6 will be negatively impacted the greatest and their voices and opinion should be heard the loudest. Kelly Broome has been wonderful representing our interests. She is a gem!

Thank you for the consideration.  
Mark and Karen