

Subject: Request to amend Newmarket's official plan

I am writing in regards to Newmarket council considering the Shining Hill Estates application to develop an additional multi-purpose subdivision. First of all, I don't think this should even be on the agenda as the Town of Newmarket has already designated moraine lands as environmentally protected. It needs to be kept that way. Secondly, if the Town feels we need more housing why did they not allow high density housing to be developed on the Slessor property several years ago which would have been an ideal location for apartments and condos? Thirdly, one of the reasons given for the Town purchasing the Mulock Estate was that they did not want a developer to purchase it and build homes there. They felt it should be green space for public use. Clearly they have set a precedent - or is the grass greener north of Mulock??

I hope our elected officials think long and carefully about their decision. We need our green spaces, not just now, but for the future, and those of you who have been given the opportunity to be part of saving our environment have an obligation to do so.

Regards,
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