

April 29, 2021

Dear Mayor John Taylor & Newmarket Council members:

I was deeply disturbed when I read the article "**I Don't Want a Brothel In Newmarket**" in the Era Banner April 29<sup>th</sup>. I am concerned that we do not consider the ongoing and far-reaching ramifications of such places as Massage Parlours. Massage Parlour If you check Wikipedia is "code name" for brothel and we know that brothels do not enhance a community.

We are paying extensive money to educate our young people through sex education, education that women are to be treated with respect and honour. We educate about racism and the importance of treating sexual preference with acceptance. How can we then turn around and consider putting a Massage parlour in the community, which is both disrespectful to women and racist, as many workers are of Asian or of ethnic descent. We look the other way when considering where or how they arrived in this job/location. What they were told, how they were persuaded. Are we educating our children in sex education and racism to have them work or visit such a place? Is this the occupation you want your sister, daughter, niece involved in?

We all want a community built on the honour and respect of women and those of other persuasions. We pride ourselves on being protectors of the weak, and vulnerable. We long for healthy relationships between men and women, races, and families. Massage Parlours will not contribute to any of that but will destroy the very fabric of this town.

Money is not a reason to okay such activity. I implore you as city councillors to exhibit integrity, strength and stand for Justice. Respect and protect the members of our community and all who enter here.

Thank you for considering my letter.

God Bless.

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