

Date: October 6, 2021

To: Town of Newmarket Council

Re: Public Meeting on October 12, 2021 at 1:00 pm
Rezoning of Property at 17680 Leslie Street
Applicant 2491082 Ontario Inc.
File No. D09-NP21-04 (OPA) & D14-NP21-04 ZBA)

My name is Mike Doucette. My wife May and I live at 116 Burling Place in Newmarket. After 39 years of living close to a mostly unkempt empty lot on the northwest corner of Leslie Street and Wayne Drive, we are in favor of residential development of that land and support Mayor John Taylor's vision of providing more affordable housing in Newmarket.

That said, the Applicant's proposal to cram four 4-story buildings on this corner lot with a grand total of 88 townhouses would be a drastic change to the landscape of our existing residential area. This of great concern to us.

So is their proposed plan to create a roadway to Wayne Drive, effectively a northern extension of Burling Place, to provide vehicular access into and out of the property. There are a total of 25 one and two story homes on Burling Place and no sidewalks. The road is lightly travelled and kids can safely play games like ball hockey and skateboarding. People use the road to walk their dogs or just gather to chat with neighbors. With 88 more families using their vehicles to cross town via Davis Drive, vehicular traffic on Burling Place would mathematically increase by a factor of 4.5 which would result in turning our road into an unsafe thoroughfare.

There is a dead end street running west off Leslie, north of Wayne Drive, that was built to accommodate two story townhouses on both sides of the street. We will have no objection if Town Counsel limits development on the lot designated as 17680 Leslie Street to erecting four two story buildings with 44 townhouses and having access onto Leslie Street instead of Wayne Drive.

Summarizing, we feel there is a better way for Town Counsel to make good use of the existing empty corner lot.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Doucette