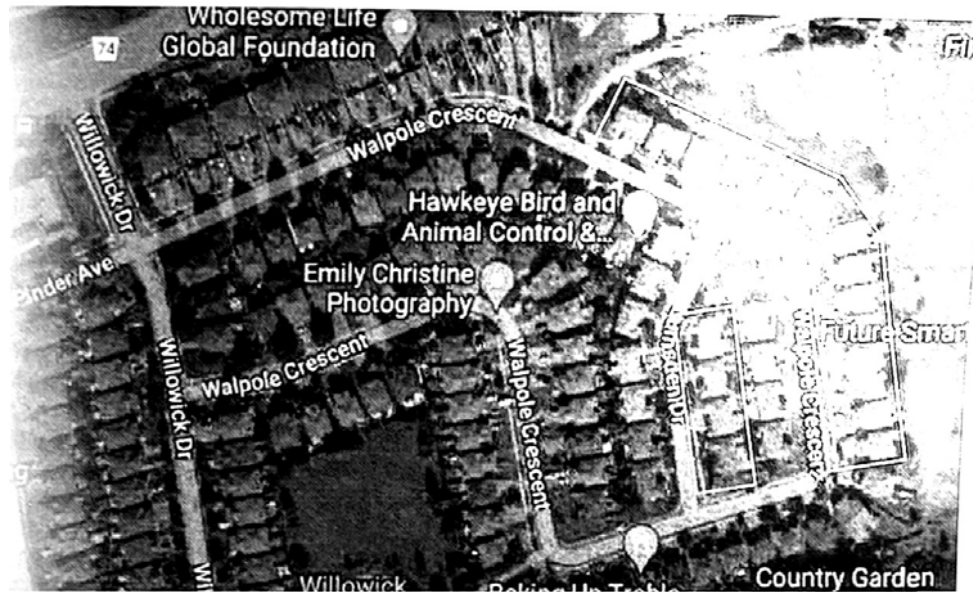


"SHORT DRIVEWAY"

PETITION for PARKING EXCEPTION
by HOMEOWNERS of:

WALPOLE CRESCENT
&
LUMSDEN DRIVE

TOWN of NEWMARKET
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Residents Unite for Home Parking Fairness on Walpole Crescent and Lumsden Drive

We, the residents of Walpole Crescent and Lumsden Drive, are writing to bring to your attention a persistent issue that has been affecting our community in our development for years and since the beginning. The matter at hand pertains to the unintended consequences of shorter driveways resulting from possible errors made by the original neighborhood developer.

Over time, residents with two vehicles have faced challenges arising from the Newmarket By-Law Office's enforcement of the "Parking causing obstruction" offense. We believe that this enforcement unfairly targets our specific community, and we are seeking relief from the Town of Newmarket to address this issue comprehensively.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find **2 PETITIONS** containing the signatures of all affected homeowners, the possible reasons and solutions put forward. These signatures collectively illustrate that this is a common concern shared by many within our community. Additionally, narratives from original existing homeowners reveal that this issue has persisted since the Town of Newmarket assumed responsibility for our development.

As Newmarket homeowners, we aspire to live peacefully with our families on properties we have legally purchased. These properties were advertised by real estate agents as having two outdoor parking spots in MLS listings, which is in compliance with **"ZONING BY-LAW 2010-40"** on page 67 - 5.3.1 "Residential Uses, the minimum outdoor, off-street parking requirements for residential uses shall be two parking spaces per Semi- Detached dwelling units" and in accordance with the Ontario Building Code (OBC). We firmly believe in our right to enjoy our properties without the fear of persecution through specific by-laws.

The root cause of these challenges may lie in the inconsistencies in the easement of some homes and their orientation and the direct result of the suboptimal development of our neighborhood streets. Similar roads and developments in Newmarket, such as **Bondi Ave.** just north of our development, suffered their own issues where the Town of Newmarket may have provided their relief by physically extending homeowner parking into the road by painting white stripes on the road. Even in their case, their vehicles bumpers still extend into their own sidewalks.

We kindly request the Town of Newmarket's intervention to address and rectify these issues, allowing us to enjoy our homes and properties in accordance with the expectations set forth through **"ZONING BY-LAW 2010-40"** and in the **OBC**.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to a positive resolution that will provide all affected homeowners relief.

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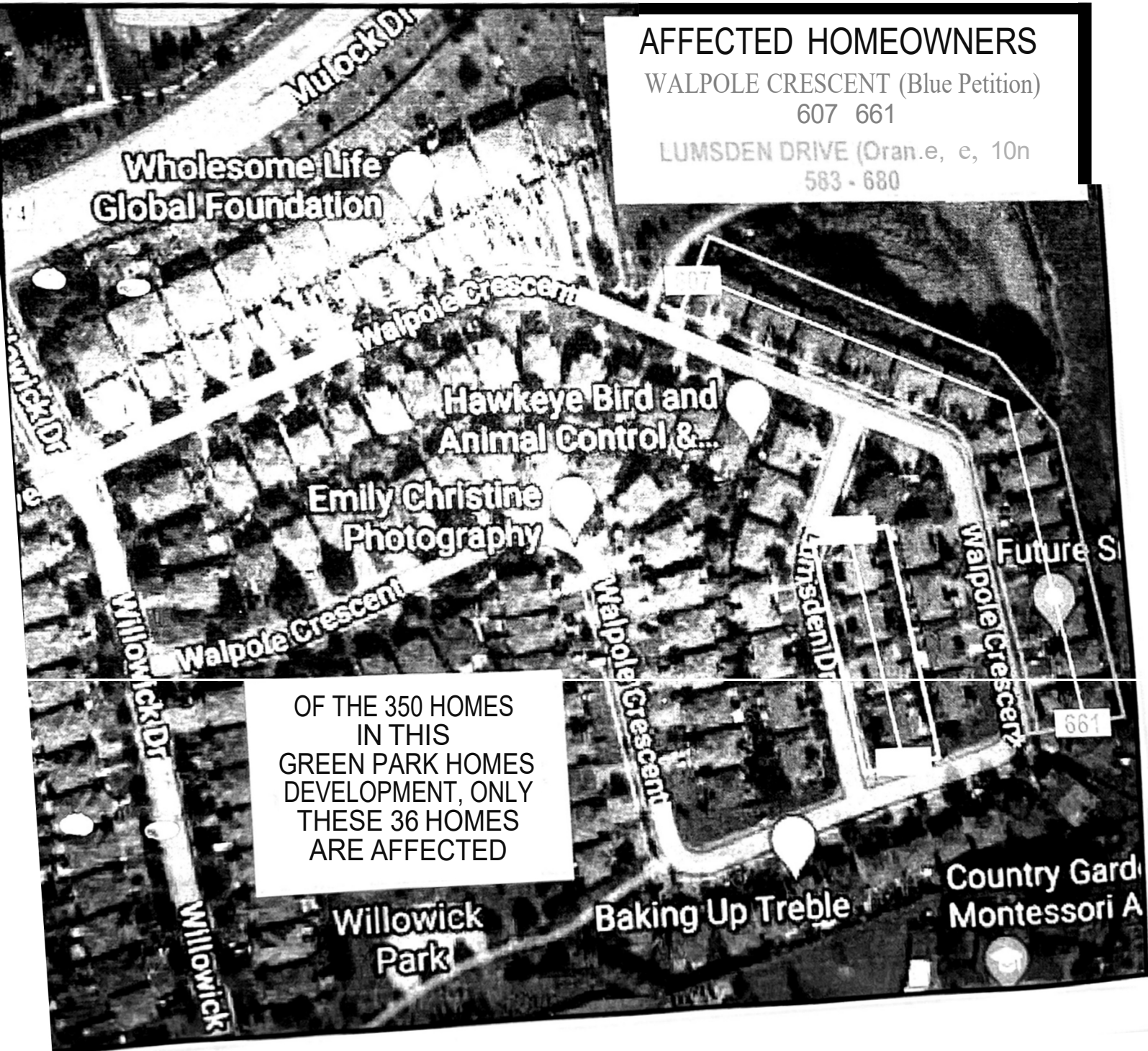
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AFFECTED HOMEOWNERS

WALPOLE CRESCENT (Blue Petition)
607 - 661

LUMSDEN DRIVE (Orange, e, 10n)
583 - 680



OF THE 350 HOMES
IN THIS
GREEN PARK HOMES
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PETITION for PARKING EXCEPTION by HOMEOWNERS of **WALPOLE CRESCENT, NEWMARKET**

(Odd Addresses #607 thru #661)

As residences of Walpole Crescent, we have been dealing with the consequences of shorter driveways that were a result of mistakes made by the original neighbourhood developer. For years, residences with two vehicles have been struggling with the Newmarket By-Law Office's enforcement of the "Parking causing obstruction" offence, and we are now seeking relief from the Town of Newmarket, as we feel unfairly targeted.

Specifically, we are requesting an exception to the "Parking causing obstruction" offence when parking two vehicles, where our bumpers may encroach up to 50% over the sidewalk when the wheels of the residences' vehicles are on the driveway. Although the residences vehicle bumper may partially obstruct the town's sidewalk, there is a safe pedestrian walkway due to the presence of an additional "driveway apron" paved roadway between the curb line (Street) and the side edge of the sidewalk.



We have several reasons to support our request for an exception:

- 1) Residences on Walpole Crescent in Newmarket are concerned about the parking situation. Many suburban families own two vehicles, which is in compliance with "ZONING BY-LAW 2010-40" on page 67 • 5.3.1 "Residential Uses, the minimum outdoor. off-street parking requirements for residential uses shall be two parking spaces per Semi-Detached dwelling units". This by-law does not specify the size of the vehicles or reference any other by-laws related to parking usage. However, residents of Walpole Crescent face a dilemma of either parking encroaching on the sidewalk and risking a ticket for "Parking causing obstruction" or parking at an angle in front of their doors, which violates fire route regulations, as well as by-laws such as 7(1)(z) "Park causing obstruction to building" and 7(1)(99) "Park within Unauthorized Area."
- 2) The situation is particularly difficult for residences on Walpole Crescent with odd addresses from Unit#607 to #661. Most of them own average-sized vehicles, and parking bumper-to-bumper is impossible without encroaching the town's sidewalks, leading to "Parking causing obstruction" violations. This puts residents in a challenging position where they must choose between parking illegally or risking tickets. We request that the Town of Newmarket finds a solution that allows residents to park their vehicles legally.
- 3) Residences on Walpole Crescent have noticed inconsistent parking enforcement by Newmarket's By-Law Office. The office appears to enforce "Parking causing obstruction" strictly, forcing residents to park at an angle and break multiple by-laws. However, on some days, residents who park at an angle to avoid "Parking causing obstruction" are fined for "Park within Unauthorized Area". This inconsistent and unfair treatment is unacceptable, and we request that the Town of Newmarket provides an exception and relief to affected Walpole Crescent homeowners.
- 4) Upon purchasing our homes on Walpole Crescent in Newmarket, the realtors and MLS sales listings indicated that our residences had two outdoor parking spaces.
- 5) After completing our sales, we learned from our first-owner neighbors that the original developer, GREEN PARK HOMES in 1996-1997, made an error by constructing the sidewalk on the wrong side of Walpole Crescent. As a result, even-numbered homes have excessively long driveways, while odd-numbered homes have shorter ones.
- 6) This construction mistake by GREEN PARK HOMES is evident from the fact that the Town of Newmarket had to plant city trees on the private property of odd-numbered homes, and the placement of underground hydro and water lines on our street also indicates the error.
- 7) The mistake by the developer in placing the sidewalk on odd-numbered homes, coupled with the floor plan design of our homes, means that our driveways from 607 to 661 Walpole Crescent are the shortest among the 350 residences in our subdivision.

We are aware that other streets in Newmarket, such as BONDIE AVE., have received some sort of relief from the town by painting road lines where vehicles encroach onto the road and not ticketing cars whose bumpers encroach onto the sidewalk.

We request the Town of Newmarket provide an exception to specific Walpole Crescent residences, who have odd addresses starting from Unit #607 through #661 for the Parking Offence "Parking causing obstruction" when parking two vehicles, whereas the wheels of the residences' vehicles are footed on the driveway but allowing the overall length of the vehicle's bumpers to obstruct up to 50% of the sidewalk or any other solutions the Town of Newmarket can offer as a relief.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,
The Residences of Walpole Crescent

Petition Lead by:

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Updated on APRIL 15, 2023 (DRAFT-7)

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PETITION for PARKING EXCEPTION by HOMEOWNERS of **LUMSDEN DRIVE, NEWMARKET** (Odd Addresses #583 thru #595 and #680 Walpole Crescent)

As residences of Lumsden Drive, we have been dealing with the consequences of shorter driveways similarly to the petition made by residences of Walpole Crescent. For years, residences with two vehicles have been struggling with the Newmarket By-Law Office's enforcement of the "Parking causing obstruction" offence, and we are now seeking relief from the Town of Newmarket, as we feel unfairly targeted.

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