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Dear Clerks Office,

We would like to submit this input for the public input meeting February 5th, 2024 in regard to the 849 Gorham Street townhome proposed development. We support this project so that the Town can meet the need for affordable housing in our community.

We ask that the following be considered and adopted if not already in place, based on the Town Newmarket's Municipal/Community Energy Plan:

- every effort is made to meet sustainability and energy efficiency requirements for both the buildings, their energy systems, and parking areas;
- its homes are fossil fuel free and construction that is net-zero or near net-zero;
- installation of energy efficient cold climate air heat pumps, windows, solar panels and insulation be adopted;
- native trees and greenspaces are utilized around the property and any mature trees remain where possible to offset the embodied and operational carbon footprint;
- that visitor parking includes EV charging stations, with solar lighting where possible.

Additionally that:

- it proceeds to meet or exceed the affordability requirement percentages, over 20% would be preferable due to local need;
- every effort is made to build as soon as possible without compromising sustainability efforts; this project has been in the works since 2020;
- site plan review details continue to be monitored to ensure standards are being met, and provided to interested parties and the public.

We are happy to speak in more detail to the items above.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Melanie Duckett-Wilson

on behalf of Climate Action Newmarket Aurora