

Planning and Development Council Meeting

January 18, 2022

Comments Received Regarding Item 4.3

Removal of “H17” Holding Provision, Block 263, 20M-1212, Part of Lot 14, Concession 1, NDS,
File No.: Z.1314.09, By-law 2022-004

January 15th, 2022

Re: Block 263, 20M-1212 Part of Lot 14 Concession 1

Dear Planning & Development Council:

We would like to propose that the square adjacent to our townhome is developed as a small peaceful park, in line with the street name 'Marigold Gardens' and 'Eternity Way'. Low budget, some paths/walkways, some benches and maybe a gazebo and fountain.

By placing 32 rear-lane townhomes in this area, you would be taking away from what appears to be the perfect 'neighbourhood square' or central access point to the subdivision.

Our 'Town of Oakville' charm is being lost in North Oakville. As builders do not have to live in the neighbourhoods they are designing, it's evident their mission has been to squish together as many homes and townhomes with no parks or green space to ensure profit vs. worry about our quality of life.

With Covid lockdowns, children and adults alike have no place to get outside. We cannot expect them to play in the forest as it would hurt the trees eventually with no path. The trail leading to the storm management pond is overcrowded and overtaken by cayotes at dusk. The nearest park is Post Rd. and 16 Mile Dr over 20 min walk.

This area is already OVERPOPULATEDy and I can't imagine 32 more homes moving in. I have already filed 2 reports with the city on garbage cans overflowing and nothing has been done. Clearly we are already bursting.

The plans for the school and park at 6th line and Burhamthorpe will be ready in 2+ years and is still far from our location - at least a 15 min walk. The plan has this park at the corner of 2 major intersections with the school closer to post road. No parent would send their kid to a park on a busy major road like this nevermind let them walk to it. On this front, the design for the location of the school should be switched with the park to allow easy access for pick ups and drop offs diverting the traffic from the core of the neighbourhood. This would allow the playpark to be more central this neighbourhood.

We would like to have the same opportunity as all other oakville wards who are blessed with so many beautiful parks and homes that are spread about with beautiful landscaping. It feels like Oakville's charm is being reserved for the elite now and we are unfairly creating 2 separate classes. It should be attractive to live anywhere in Oakville – not just south east.

My kids and I would be more than happy to help fund raise or anything else you need. I think this is a great opportunity to demonstrate that oakville's charm is available even in north oakville and that someone is thinking about our quality of life.

Warm Regards,

Sandra, Alexis and Ryan Reimer