

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment (OPA) for the development at 2551 Sherwood Heights Drive in Oakville. As a resident of this community, I believe it is essential to voice the potential negative impacts such a development could have on our neighborhood and its residents.

Firstly, the introduction of Business and industrial buildings in a predominantly residential area poses significant environmental and health risks. Increased traffic congestion, noise pollution, and air pollution from transportation and industrial activities could detrimentally affect the well-being of residents, especially those living in close proximity to the proposed site.

Moreover, the proposed development could have adverse effects on the aesthetic appeal of our community. Oakville is renowned for its natural beauty and commitment to preserving green spaces. Introducing large industrial structures into the landscape could disrupt the visual harmony of the area. The vicinity opposite the proposed site encompasses a children's park, a dog park, a community garden, and a playing field that serves as a hub for hundreds of residents. The anticipated increase in noise pollution and traffic due to the proposed development will significantly impair the well-being of these residents.

It is the city's responsibility to safeguard the residents' ability to utilize these green spaces for their intended purposes. Regrettably, the proposed development threatens to undermine this obligation, as the ensuing disturbances would severely hinder residents' enjoyment and use of these community amenities.

The potential influx of additional traffic, trucks and industrial vehicles utilizing Kingsway Drive to access the proposed warehouse site presents an imminent danger to the safety of our children and families. The current congestion and traffic during school drop-off and pickup times are already a cause for concern, and the addition of industrial traffic would only exacerbate the situation, increasing the likelihood of accidents involving pedestrians, cyclists, and school buses.

Furthermore, the sheer volume of traffic on Kingsway Drive would significantly impede the ability of families to navigate safely to and from schools, creating chaos and frustration during peak hours. This congestion could have severe consequences, not only for the efficiency of transportation but also for the mental and emotional well-being of families trying to ensure the safety of their children.

In light of these concerns, I urge the Oakville City Planning Department to reconsider the proposed Official Plan Amendment for industrial warehouses at 2551 Sherwood Heights Drive. Instead, I encourage the exploration of alternative development options that align with the town's commitment to sustainability, community well-being, and responsible urban planning

Thank you,  
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