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Michelle Toffey

Hello all,

I want to add my voice to those standing in opposition to the massive development planned for midtown. Since many have commented already on the specific plans for buildings, parking, amenities etc. I will take a different and simpler approach and ask: Why?

Specifically, why are town staff and (some?) town politicians promoting densities 3 to 4 times as high as the province requires? Such densities do not benefit the town or its residents. Who do they benefit? The developers.

I will be there on Monday evening and ask simply: Will someone stand up and in one or two sentences explain why are our politicians and staff voting for these massive densities and against what appears to be the well-being of the residents of Oakville.

No slick consultants need apply for this task. I want to hear from one of my elected officials: "We support triple or quadruple densities because "

Regards, Mike Kaptein

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NANCY Liu

Dear Members of Council,

I have followed with great interest and concern, the discussions around the development of Midtown Oakville and feel I must add my voice to the many who hope you will alter the density in favour of a more liveable, appealing community.

I can only imagine the great divide it will create (or exacerbate?) between the north and south parts of Oakville and the damage it will do to the businesses in downtown Oakville with long term disruption to flow of traffic during construction. I personally attend activities and appointments in downtown area and am already discouraged by the congestion in all directions, particularly around the arrival of Go trains.

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Natalie Reeves



A "satellite" view of Canada shows a large country with a small population. We have massive resources and should easily be able to absorb new immigrants, refugees and other newcomers.

Sadly this is far from reality and there are still far too many people who don't have access to housing or basic necessities like food or water.

Sounds like bad management by our politicians doesn't it?

Now, Canada's very own Nepo baby has invited more people in without a plan and dumped the problem on the Province and Municipalities.

Rather than spreading the fast growing population across this huge province, the Doug Ford approach is to bully municipalities like Oakville.

Requiring our town to jam in huge numbers of people into ludicrously high vertical buildings has never, ever worked for people.

It only enriches developers.

No sense of community is created in these monsters and eventual degradation of the property results.

Shuffling different configurations of properties as planners have been doing, is to try and absorb too many people.

It brings to mind the saying "you can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig".

Building heights of 40-50 stories and higher will create the Oakville Pig.

Please don't let that happen.

(My apologies to pigs)

Neil Huddlestone

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renaud campbell

Dear Oakville Mayor and Council:

As a Glen Abbey homeowner, I am opposed to the Proposed Amendment to the Midtown Oakville Development Plan.

There are many good reasons to stop this amendment and create a reasonable plan for the future of Oakville's midtown. This Amendment destroys Oakville's Livability!

Richard Malinski

Dear Councillor Duddeck,

I am a resident of Oakville and I am NOT IN FAVOUR of the proposed OPA plan for Midtown for the following reasons:

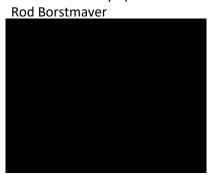
- At 456 people/hectare for 2031 and 718 people/hectare for beyond 2051, the proposal grossly exceeds the provincial requirements of 200 people/hectare for an MTSA
- 2. The Midtown proposal at 456 people/hectare is well above the proposed density of 250 people/hectare at Bronte GO

Instead, I would recommend targetting a density of 250 people/hectare at Midtown which would be in line with the proposed development at the Bronte GO station and much closer to the provincial requirements for an MTSA. This would also allow Oakville to meet not only the provincial growth targets but also its vision of creating a livable town.

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Rochelle DeFehr

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Sincerely, Roger Beach



Dear Mayor and Councillors:

In response to questions I have received regarding my earlier message, below, and to be more specific, I recommend that the OPA include a statement similar to the following:

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- . Climate-friendly timber-frame buildings, with minimal usage of concrete and steel. [Heights of up to 18 storeys will soon be permitted in Ontario.]
- . Climate-friendly heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems such as air-source or geo-thermal electric heat-pumps, solar panels, and district energy plants. Elimination of natural gas services.
- . All-electric hot-water supplies, kitchen appliances, and property maintenance equipment, and plentiful charging stations for electric vehicles.
- . Contribution to the holistic needs of a Liveable Community, such as housing for a diverse mix of family sizes and incomes, walkability to retail outlets and services and employment, convenient public transit, reducing dependency on automobiles, and generous and inviting green-spaces.

The present form of the OPA contains only vague references to such sustainability goals, and it persistently uses only soft terms like "should, may, encourage, permit, and promote" regarding these features. I do not accept the argument that the Province wields such power that a municipality cannot mandate basic modern requirements for Liveability and response to the climate emergency.

Ron McKee

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ron McKee

Subject: Please reject the Midtown Official Plan Amendment

Date: April 19, 2024 at 8:47:27 AM EDT

To: membersofcouncil@oakville.ca, Town Clerks <townclerk@oakville.ca>

Cc: "Joshua Creek Residents Association [JCRA]"

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

The current draft OPA for Midtown Oakville is unacceptable and should be rejected.

My principal concern is the lack of commitment to climate-change mitigation and sustainability. I wish to see a new design that is supported by clear evidence that it meets the highest sustainability metrics.

I readily accept the need for increased density; indeed, it is necessary to support sustainability. The current plan, however, is outrageous and offers no confidence that it will produce a liveable community by United Nations standards.

I have the utmost confidence in my Councillors, Janet Haslett-Theall and Dave Gittings. Please listen to their questions and concerns.

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Subject: Midtown Plan Needs Less Density

Dear Councillor

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Roshan Sapra FCPA, C.Dir.



To the Immediate Attention of Oakville Mayor, Council and Town Clerk

Living in I am well aware of the challenges occurring in the many construction sites presently active. Of particular note are the activities occurring at 85 Bronte. As recently as this week, they have needed to withdraw and defer an application for variance to reduce retail parking from 53 down to 20, with 21 retail outlets and 38 spots at grade. Needless to say, I am quite concerned regarding their next approach. Will they try to bypass Oakville and go direct to Provincial level via OLT?

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that this a good idea for our chosen town, we advise you to consider all aspects of this plan before approving it as

being the appropriate development for our Midtown.

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Oakville requires healthy community living (mentally, emotionally, physically) and good quality of life for all age groups. The proposed plan doesn't reflect any hope of that. There also needs to be more in terms of Green development.

Do you really want your legacy as Mayor to be negative?

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Susan DunnSusan Dunn

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Susan Fletcher (resident of Oakville since 1956)

Subject: Midtown planning proposal

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3. Will Midtown be a desirable place to live or will it be a place you need to leave to access everyday necessities?

We do not see how this plan will provide a livable, complete community for its residents.

4. What effect will this **hyper-density** have on day-to-day life in Oakville?

We believe it will make life for all Oakville residents more difficult because of the traffic congestion through the Trafalgar Road corridor and make access to the Oakville GO Station very challenging.

5. Who is going to pay for all the new infrastructure needed for Midtown?

Please direct staff to revise the Midtown OPA and address the points raised above prior to the final vote on June 24th, 2024.

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