

Dear Mayor Meed Ward, Councillors and Regional Chair Carr,

I am writing this email to you after receiving a letter indicating a Statutory Public Meeting and Recommendation Report Committee is taking place on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 9:30am regarding the application from Bloomfield Developments to register a plan of subdivision on the lands located at 5219 Upper Middle Road, 2004 & 2005 Georgina Crt, Blocks 262 & 263 of plan 20M-824 (File:510-01/18 (24T-18001/B)).

This report is now on the agenda for the Environment ,Infrastructure and Community Services Committee at the above mentioned time. I have requested a time to speak to share my concerns in regards to this proposed development but wanted to highlight them with you as well here in writing before you attend the meeting as Committee Members.

The recommended plan calls for 2 detached homes and 2 semi-detached homes on Georgina Court and then a private lane from the court for 14 townhomes and **no access to Upper Middle Road.**

I am opposed to this plan for the following reasons:

1) The traffic associated with 40 potential cars entering and exiting from this small court will cause a serious safety concern for the families who live on Rome Crescent, Georgina Crt and Quinte Road so I believe that an entrance/exit to Upper Middle Road **must be part of the development plan.**

2) I don't believe the traffic study that was done during the Family Day week/weekend is reflective of a typical week/weekend in this area. Currently every school day there is a long lineup of cars turning right onto Upper Middle Road from Quinte Rd. from 8:00 - 8:20 as parents drive their children to Corpus Christi High School. The round-about is almost inaccessible. What will this look like with even more cars trying to turn onto Quinte Rd. while students try to walk to school or to their bus stop on Quinte Road?

I can't understand why there hasn't been further progress made with the Region about allowing an entrance/exit onto Upper Middle Road. There is already a turning lane in the island/ middle (that I assume was built for the original house -**see photo attached**) and a driveway coming out of the house which could then be expanded for the exit/entrance for the townhouses.

Mayor, these were your comments in July 2018 as a Councillor
(see website link below)

Council approved the development in a 6-1 vote (I did not support) on July 16, over objections of residents who spoke at the meeting. Residents supported townhouses only if access could be provided off of Upper Middle, which is a Regional Road. Regional staff denied access to the road, and it would require a Regional Council vote to override that decision. When it became clear Regional Council could vote to allow access, (the night before council), the clock had run on any meaningful opportunity to bring a motion.

<https://mariannemeedward.ca/development/residents-appeal-upper-middle-georgina-court-townhouse-development-to-lpat/>

Has a motion gone to the Regional Council, Chair Carr and they continue to vote no? Why?

I have lived in this city for 29 years. Mayor, I voted for you because of your stance on future development in Burlington. I am not opposed to smart development in Burlington however when a proposed development risks the safety of children and current residents in a neighbourhood of detached homes by trying to squish in 14 townhomes on a small piece of land that would drastically alter the traffic flow in a community and increase the likelihood of accidents and additional street parking I have to wonder why this would be recommended.

Where else in the Orchard does a court have a private road off of it where cars have to exit out the court and then turn onto another road and finally a 3rd road to get out of the subdivision?

My 10 year old son, who is in grade 5 and learning about government in Social Studies had questions for me as to why the local government would allow this? His understanding is that a "court is a circle road with houses on it". Am I going to have to explain to him that unfortunately it can also have a private lane attached where 28+ cars will be coming out and the overflow of visitors will be parking on our street and he will not be able to play safely in front of our house?

I am sure the developer doesn't want to have a driveway out to Upper Middle Road as that will reduce the number of townhouses on the lot and thereby reduce the expected profit. **Is the City not willing to stand up to developers and say No for the safety of their current residents?**

To the new Councillors of wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, I appeal to you to familiarize yourself with this property [here](#) so that you can be informed about this property and proposed development plan. I implore you all, along with Mayor Meed Ward and Ward 5 Councillor Sharman to **vote against this plan until an entrance/exit onto Upper Middle Road is part of the subdivision plan.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Best regards,

Catherine Long

