

Subject: Development of the Millcroft Golf Course

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Hi all,

I would like to formally state by objection to the re-development of the Millcroft Golf Course. Many homeowners, include my wife and I, bought on to the Millcroft GC for the beauty that it represented and the community spirit it offered. Millcroft is an established community and well within the official city plan. The natural water drainage and ponds running through our community and golf course provide the right balance between urban living and nature's course. Redeveloping the golf course will alter that in a negative way. This will also result in a loss of green space.

Furthermore, it attacks the spirit of the community, which has enjoyed the co-existence of urban living and open spaces. We enjoy the fact that Millcroft offers a lifestyle that is conducive to family walks, couple strolls and children playing and cycling in a beautiful setting. The Millcroft GC has always added to this setting.

The original owners of the golf course understood full well that they were signing up for a golf course set in an urban development. It has coexisted extremely well for both parties (financially and otherwise). Changing the relationship now, is driven purely by greed. We, the homeowners, agreed to pay the market premium, higher taxes, property upkeep, and some errant golf balls, for the privilege of living on a golf course. In return, the Millcroft GC gets an exclusive location, a golf clientele that can literally walk to the course and play (as opposed to driving kilometers away), and can further market social gatherings as good corporate citizen.

Finally, while the proposal is to make the golf course smaller, it is also setting it up for future failure. This means that if the current proposed development goes ahead, the second development, completely eliminating the golf course, is not far behind. The owners of the 'revised' Millcroft GC will simply cry that they are no longer profitable and will need to sell and redevelop the land.

This is the sad precedent you may be establishing by approving this proposed development. Please look to beyond the current, and to the future, of how you would like Burlington and the Millcroft community to look like.

Regards,

Hans and Anna Paffrath