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Community Planning Department
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Attention: Rebecca Lau

Dear Ms. Lau,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the planning application submitted by Millcroft Greens Corporation. I am requesting that the City of Burlington decline the application and preserve our precious green space.

As a property owner with a direct view of the Hole #1 green, my family and I will be directly impacted by the proposal (Area C). We have been Burlington residents for almost 20 years and moved to Millcroft in 2016 to enjoy a neighborhood which offers fantastic green spaces, minimal congestion, and homeowner pride of ownership. Upon purchasing our home, we invested significantly in our backyard with a landscape design that highlights the beauty of the course. Obviously with the proposed development directly behind our home, both our enjoyment and value of our property will be greatly diminished. However, please note this is not only about loss of property value but also about the loss of beloved green space as well as increased traffic.

The developer's claim that the redesign will make the course safer implies there is a significant risk with the existing layout. As a property owner on the golf course and an avid golfer, the risk is completely overstated and is an attempt by the developer to mislead and garner support. We have had very, very few golf balls in or near our yard over the past 5 golf seasons. In addition, Millcroft Golf Course is already a short course and by shortening it further, it will lose its appeal and ultimately fail leading the way for the complete residential development of the course. I would argue that the proposed design which includes large homes on small condo sized roads that will support golf carts, cars and pedestrians is more dangerous than the odd golf ball. Should the golf course not be viable in its current design, I would like to see the City purchase the course and turn it into walking trails.

Finally, it is important to note that the proposal goes against the Burlington Official Plan section 8.4.2. While the latter was approved after the receipt of the application, it should not be discarded nor discounted. It is imperative that we retain our green spaces not develop them. The official plan outlines the future of Burlington and will ensure that our city remains the best in Canada! Thanks for your consideration.

Regards,

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