

## Why We Love our Millcroft Golf Club Community

My husband and I live at the north end of Millcroft; we are the original homeowners and have enjoyed our beautiful home and golf course community for the past 21 years. We specifically chose to live in Millcroft because we are avid golfers and love the outdoors. The beautifully designed golf course includes numerous mature trees, plants and shrubs that attract and support a variety of wildlife. We believe a natural urban environment is necessary for a balanced lifestyle and purposely built our home in this neighbourhood for this reason. Also, my husband suffers from asthma, and living in a healthy environment was of great importance to us.

Being original owners we paid a premium to live in this golf course community. We initially lived through many years of construction; the original build out of our neighbouring streets, the development of Taywood Park, then the final build out of the north end of Millcroft, which deterred us from enjoying and spending time outdoors due to poor air quality, from MUCH Dust and Dirt from the construction. Since our neighbourhood has been completed, many of us have invested and upgraded our homes and surrounding property, and now live in what is considered to be one of the most admired and sought after communities in Burlington. Our parks and streets are safe, clean and well manicured and are bustling with neighbours and children walking, cycling and golfing.

Sadly we have now been advised that Millcroft Greens wants to redevelop our golf course by proposing to build 98 additional homes, plus a mid rise apartment with 130 units in what is an **Established** neighbourhood. They are asking us to live in a construction zone for the next 5 PLUS years, while reducing our much loved golf course and removing hundreds of mature trees and plants only to create havoc with years of dust and dirt.

It is widely known that trees and vegetation help improve air quality. They filter particles out of the air we breathe which decreases our risk of asthma and respiratory illness. So the possibility of losing our existing natural ecosystem would be a detriment to all those suffering from respiratory illnesses, as my husband and countless neighbours would confirm. It would prevent them and others from outdoor activities currently enjoyed, such as golfing, cycling, running and walking and put further stress on their health and mental well being.

We cannot imagine doing this as my husband and I are closing in on retirement but especially now, when we're going through difficult times with the COVID 19 pandemic. The Federal and Municipal governments have asked everyone to work and stay home, which may be extended for an unknown period of time; however, if this development is approved we won't be able to use our backyards and parks and will be held hostage in our own homes.

Lastly, we also believe that it is only a matter of time before the entire golf course is sold and redeveloped which will exasperate all the items mentioned above.

Needless to say both my husband and I are completely opposed to the proposal submitted by Millcroft Greens and hope the City of Burlington will protect this natural, vibrant and sustainable urban area for many generations to come.

*Thank you,*

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