

Attention Burlington City Councillors

Re: File #510-01/20

Hello, my name is Larry Czainski a resident of the Dynes Road/Willow Lane neighbourhood for 65 years. I and a number of long-time residents have a number of concerns going forward.

Concern # 1

By sectioning off this property into 5 separate parcels, one as a private drive, and the remaining four designated to hold 5 townhouses, we are concerned that this will set a precedent for future development. Each parcel is the size of our individual properties, so what is to stop a developer from buying a single home with intent to build 5 townhouses on the property? The property in question was originally designated as single-family, so that is no longer a protection, and this development was justified using the argument that there is a townhouse development nearby (8 townhomes on twice the land) and used by both the city and the developer, so no protection for neighbourhoods there. After our regrettable experience with LPAT we have no trust in either due process or the application of common sense in any future dispute.

Concern #2

With the expected construction, we are deeply concerned about the safety of the number of school children from the very youngest to high schoolers, that flood our streets Monday to Friday. Thanks to the narrowing of our street to accommodate the unnecessary sidewalk, and the large number of parents that park here to pick up their kids, the road is regularly blocked from curb to curb with children. It is no problem for residents, as we are used to the twice daily flood and act with due caution, but construction trucks and heavy equipment? Didn't anyone think of the consequences, or was everything thought of purely in the abstract and the actual reality not accounted for? These are small, recently narrowed streets of quiet family homes. We fear a tragic disaster in the making.

Concern #3

During winter, the excess snow from our streets are piled up at the end of Maplehill and Willow Lane, as there is no place else to put it. The Willow Lane

mountain is deep to a minimum and a passage dug through it to allow access to the school and walkway, with the majority of snow piled up at the end of Maplehill, where the access to the townhouse development is now going to be. This mountain can reach as high as 4 to 5 M. and there is no place else for it to go, these are after all dead end streets. The residents can't have this snow piled up in front of their driveways, nor can we accommodate snow plowed out from the development, and as residents, we do not feel we should shoulder the cost of hauling out snow when the problem was created for the benefit of private profit.

Concern #4

After 60 years of not needing one, we have had the dubious addition of a three-way stop sign at the corner of Glencrest and Dynes. This has already led to some harrowing near misses and minor traffic congestion, as well as adding an unnecessary irritant to residents trying to access Dynes Road. Now we're adding 20 to 40 cars daily to the mix? Has anyone considered what a bottleneck they've created as cars try to leave Willow Lane? Bad enough that we've been handed momentary delays trying to turn onto Dynes due to cars needing to slow and stop, then slowly speed up again, but we fear a much greater delay in simply getting out of our driveways to commute to work, with so many more cars trying to leave every morning. Burlington has already become infamous for its poor traffic flow among neighbouring municipalities, but to impose this kind of trouble to even a small neighbourhood seems unwarranted.

We continue to be unanimously opposed to this development and the destruction of our community, though we recognize that there is nothing to be done, and we all suffer from the fatigue of endlessly fighting a losing battle, but the utter lack of common sense to the consequences of this development still leaves many residents with a sour taste in our mouths.

Sincerely, Larry Czainki