

**Apposed Residents of Country Club  
Estates adjacent to Proposed  
Salem and  
Hewitts Secondary Plans**

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Stephen Naylor:

We the Residents of the Country Club Estates attached are apposed to the expansion of the Salem and Hewitt's Secondary Plan in general, we received this letter on short notice, not enough time for all residents to review the plans, one petition is enclosed and another petition is still circulating to the rest of the residents and will be forwarded when completed.

We understand a Class Environmental Assessment Study was completed and not communicated to this subdivision to review prior to sending your Notice of Statutory Public Meeting to Consider this Zoning By-Law Amendment and find this information influences this zoning in all ways in their Assessment detrimental to the Environment, Archeological Sites, Heritage Sites, MOECC Noise levels, Traffic congestion to and from this area, and contributing to the subsequent congestion on the 400 Highway which is now out of control, giving stress to our residents in everyday life commuting to the GTA in the summer months when cottage traffic dominates in the Barrie area and disrupting this community.

Wildlife present now and observed daily which are not in the above report are turkey families, flocks of geese, rabbits, possum, deer, dens of coyotes exist in the wetlands, all will be harmed by this expansion.

The Expansion will create more commuter traffic south on the 400 Corridor, with the rising cost of Residential ownership in the GTA and surrounding areas, this will attract more commuters to this area, the Urban Plan is not conducive to this big picture. Widening of the arterial roads will not attribute to the new commuting traffic on the 400 South Hwy, this will only create more commuter traffic, accidents, more snow removal costs, road maintenance costs and on and on....

We object to this plan it is too preliminary until the 400 Highway is 4-6 lanes on each side, all major routes to the 400, are widened to 4 lanes on each side, Lockhart Road, 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, Innisfil Beach Road, the on ramps and exits to the 400 are all upgraded Innisfil Beach Road, Hwy 89, Hwy 88, due to many accidents already every year the statistics are out of control, we are requesting a full study of the traffic including accidents in this corridor. Proper lighting on all these arteries is mandatory and needed badly.

Mapleview Drive with the Expansion of the Park Place shopping district up to Bryne Drive areas is at gridlock all day now, when it is cottage country traffic it is even worse, a 1 kilometre stretch can take up to 45 minutes or more in most cases, the exit off the 400 into the South Barrie Shopping corridor is consistently backed up and needs expansion, residents are currently putting up with the closure of McKay Ave a backroute which has caused even more congestion, if this expansion is put forth massive wait times and congestion is extremely apposed and a study presented to the residents is to be approved before any road expansion is considered.

Commuters now leave at 5 am to drive into their jobs south to avoid heavy traffic, due to the lack of well paying employment within the City of Barrie, it is now a commuter city because of this, with this plan 4

am will become the norm, snowplows do not come out to clean roads at that time now, it will cause major accidents and Barrie will become a higher Auto Insurance category for residents, we will all feel the increases. The sleep deprivation this creates on residents is proven to be detrimental to overall health and well-being of residents, this will create more uneasiness, stress and not contribute to a happy and healthy standard of living in this area as our residents currently are happy with, even with the small expansions now in Innisfil with their residential expansion, traffic is becoming unbearable.

We see no reason to upset the current peaceful living environment in this subdivision, harming the Naturalization environments by building on this land and adding stress to residents with the traffic and congestion concerns, we ask to leave this subdivision and surrounding areas as is, by adding this expansion the City of Barrie is contributing a large emission to the Carbon footprint of Ontario and is counterproductive to the Federal and Provincial plans to cut emissions, the residents want to see a study in this regard.

For the Residents of Thicketwood Ave, an extension of this street east into another subdivision is apposed due to the Naturalization area being so close to the proposed Northern road highlighted on the attached Appendix 9B on the Masterplan. This will only create traffic congestion on a small narrow street where backing into the street is the only way for residents to exit their properties and the risk will be increased for accidents if a through street is a result and it is adamantly apposed.

This area is also infested with Giant Hogweed, existing for 15-20 years which the City of Barrie is aware of and never alerted the residents here of the danger involved with this vegetation. The planned road is located on this Giant Hogweed area located in and beyond the designated Naturalization areas and is spreading, this causes permanent skin lesions and blindness and harms human populations, see highlighted area of the drawing off Thicketwood Ave and information references enclosed on the harmful *Heracleum mantegazzianum* (Hogweed).

The residents of Country Club estates experienced high water table issues on Bartor Blvd, Fenchurch Manor and most residents backing onto the Naturalization Wetlands north on Thicketwood Ave, in which the City of Barrie and the Builder/Developer did not rectify in most cases, the residents have had added costs to find remedies to the water collecting in their yards with minimal help from the City of Barrie. The area as per your drawings show and online is surrounded by Wetlands and residents need to be protected from any water draining toward their existing properties and detailed plans need to be provided to residents with clear explanations of how these systems will be impacted on their properties, again this is a procedure needing approval from residents for this expansion.

The initial extension from Thicketwood as outlined on the map, would not serve any purpose as housing could not be approved due to the closeness to the Naturalization area up to the proposed Storm Management, this part of the road is particularly not needed and would upset the dynamic of Naturalization land and its purpose as well as the residents on that street for undue thoroughfare congestion of unnecessary traffic passing through a quiet area. Residents were sold these properties on their purchase and sale agreements have no clauses showing expansion in this area, nor were ever officially updated as to the plans by the City of Barrie until this recent letter.

Please see the attached petition of these residents and take the above input as apposition to this Zone By Law Proposal for the Hewitt Secondary Plan.

The residents of Thicketwood Ave are requesting to be advised of every action taken that effects the Zone By Law Proposal by written mail for their records and be involved in the expansion of their street and area and request any changes to be addressed prior to any decision taken forthwith to prepare for other actions by residents including legal and appeal processes.

Other feedback on the current Country Club Estates subdivision is the park that was built after much petitioning is not usable for all the residents, the playground is only for small children. Other children in this area need a safe place to ride bikes, skateboards, scooters etc, soccer, baseball and football and

we request this park be updated to accommodate the activities and more, we expect feedback on this request and proposals communicated to us.

Residents of Country Club Estates