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Mr Bryan W. Tuckey,
Commissioner of Planning & Development Services,
Region of York,
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June 20, 2008

Dear Mr. Tuckey,

Re: King City south-east subdivision proposals

This letter addresses continuing concerns regarding the wetland/woodland complex in the South-East quadrant of King City. In particular, we refer to the Official Plan Amendment #65 which affects the Special Study Area within the proposed Osmington subdivision application.

OPA 65 was approved by the King Township Council on 16th June, 2008, and allows for a re-zoning of a major area of this land-holding to low density residential from Special Study Area. We understand that York Region is the final approval authority for this subdivision and therefore ask you to review what has occurred with this application in the hope that further improvements can be made to the plan.

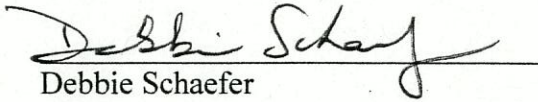
This whole area had previously been regarded by the Ministry of Natural Resources as *an area of environmental restoration* where the importance of retaining connecting links between the environmental protection areas had been emphasized. The connecting links in the revised plan for the Osmington application are now virtually non-existent since there is a continuous lot pattern from north to south acting as a barrier to connectivity. Surely the sustainability of this area should dictate the level of density so that natural systems can be maintained? The TRCA seem to have accepted without much questioning that the revised Functional Servicing Study for the east side of King City satisfies the environmental impacts of placing housing throughout this area. Since the FSS is the product of the development group's own consultants, the process seems to have been remarkably self-serving.

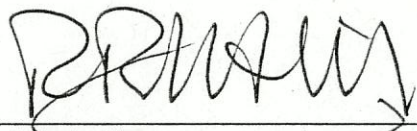
OPA 65 constitutes a major change in the planning of King City and has been accomplished with what appears to have been an acceleration and manipulation of the normal process of public consultation, which has been virtually non-existent. It was presented along with five major subdivision proposals and few people were aware that this had been included. It is our view that this major change should have been the subject of a separate public meeting so that local residents would have the opportunity to comment and produce creative solutions. This clearly did not occur.

It could be argued that this area within the Osmington plan could have been more appropriately zoned Residential Estate with each lot on its own services, in the manner of King's Cross Estates in the north-west quadrant of King City. The intrusion into the natural environment would be much reduced without the installation of water and sewer infrastructure.

We hope that you will give these points your urgent consideration when reviewing the Osmington subdivision proposal.

Yours truly,


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