

Attachment No. 5

Issues Raised by Ratepayer Groups and Responses to the Issues

Concerned Citizens of King Township

Issue Raised by CCK	Response
1. In the mid 1990's the Ministry of Natural Resources identified the Special Study Area as "an area of environmental restoration", where the importance of retaining connecting links between the environmental protection areas had been emphasized. The connecting links, as proposed in OPA 65, are unsatisfactory.	The Ministry of Natural Resources prepared a letter dated May 15, 2008 (<i>Attachment 3</i>) which explains that, "the use today of any data or reports prepared by the Ministry in the 1990's should occur in the context of current circumstances and any new or updated information (eg. data and reports). Within the southeast King City area, such consideration should include the natural heritage system established through the 2002 Oak Ridges Moraine provincial plan." Regional staff relies upon the environmental expertise of the Conservation Authorities, as dictated by the Memorandum of Understanding, to evaluate the environmental background studies submitted in association with Official Plan Amendments and plans of subdivision, and also relies on their expertise for applications in the Oak Ridges Moraine. The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority has review the King City East Functional Servicing and Development Area Study and the Amendment and advised they have no objection to its approval.
2. There was insufficient public consultation.	The Amendment has gone through a full public process at the local level. Public open house meetings were held in 2006 and 2007 to hear public comment on the Functional Servicing and Development Area Study and a statutory public meeting was held on December 10, 2007 for the Official Plan Amendment and related plan of subdivision.
3. May be more appropriate to rezone to residential estate, with each lot on its own services.	Policies within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Regional Official Plan and the King City Community Plan direct new development to proceed on full municipal services.

Letter form Ms. V. Atkins

Issue raised by Ms. Atkins	Response
1. Protection of the wetland and woodland	In reference to points #1 and 2, these concerns have been addressed through the comments provided by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.
2. Displacement and disturbance of wildlife and vegetation	
3. Site should be considered to include the work of sculptor, Richard Serra	
4. Preservation of the historic character of the community	The inclusion of a sculpture on the property should be discussed with the Township and the owner. York Region has forwarded Ms. Atkins letter to King Township for consideration. Through the inclusion of the King City Community Plan principles of “environment first” and “distinct community identity”, the historic character of the community will be maintained through the subsequent planning approval (s).