

To the Corporation of The City of Barrie,

I am writing this letter in regards to the public notice advertised by the City of Barrie in the letter written March 18, 2011. Pratt Hansen Group Inc. in the City of Barrie intends to pass a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw no. 85-95 2009-141. This amendment is to rezone vacant lands located at the south-west corner Harvie Road and Veteran's Drive. The property is legally described as blocks 84 and 98, Registered Plan 51M-835 and Part 1, Reference Plan 51R-34175, and is located within the Holly Planning Area. The property is known municipally as 205, 213 and 221 Harvie Road and 414 Veteran's Drive, and has a total area of approximately 2.27ha (5.6ac).

The development is intended to be in an area where roads, sidewalks and parking have not yet been addressed. Harvie road not only backs onto Veterans drive but also Essa road where there is already traffic backlog due to several housing developments in and around the area. Harvie and Essa roads are single lane roads and would not be able to handle additional traffic.

By adding 88 additional units this will only add to the traffic and parking issues that already exist. With 88 residences they would quite possibly house between 150 - 200 people. The local public facilities would not be able to accommodate such rapid growth in the area. Also, why would the city approve for secondary accesses within 5.5m of the lot line whereby a minimum of 7m is required.

As a taxpayer in this community, I have great concerns. I have invested in a home in a subdivision on the south west side of the proposed lots. If this amendment is approved and the above property is developed for these 88 residential properties this would greatly de-value many homes already in the area. A crowded and 'unprivate' backyard is not a great selling feature when one is trying to maximize the value of one's home.

I understand that the developer will build homes on these lots. I just do not like the idea that they will 'stuff' as many homes and people as they can onto these properties at the expense of existing neighborhoods.

Please provide any notification of re-zoning.

Thank you,

Joseph Melson 