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January 3, 2013

Attention:

Dawn McAlpine, City Clerk
City of Barrie, P.O. Box 400
Barrie, Ontario L4M 4T5

Let me start off by introducing myself. My name is Rick Johnson and I live at [redacted] - along with my Wife Jennifer Johnson and our 4 children.

I am writing in response to a Notice we both received in the mail concerning the "Amendment to the Zoning By-law and Plan of Subdivision - 480, 490 and 500 Mapleview Drive East, Barrie"

I would like to receive further information and clarification with regards to this proposed Plan of Subdivision and Amendment to the Zoning By-law as I am highly interested to see what it entails. I'd also like to be notified when any public meetings are scheduled for discussion on this proposal.

Since we moved into our house, for the past 4 + years [redacted] / and have enjoyed the quietness, great scenery, a place for our children to play and overall a great environment to have available to us. Mr. Booth was a great neighbour and he routinely chatted with us and others and allowed/enjoyed seeing our kids playing on his property. It was all of these points that weighed heavily on our purchase of the house and current happiness and looking back, it was a great decision we made.

I feel now that we may regret our decision if the proposed subdivision is approved to go ahead. This not only will interrupt our environment with machinery on a daily basis until the subdivision is completed - most likely a few years; but it will also see the loss of some great mature trees and grassy fields. Coupled with the dirt, dust, noise and "new neighbours", this is not what we initially bargained for.

I am also interested to know what is being done with the "hydro - line" land that runs directly behind our backyard. Will this be integrated into the new subdivision as well or will we (home owners) potentially have the ability to purchase this land from the city to extend our yards (for those who back onto it)?

If you need to contact me in anyway with regards to my letter here, please see my information below.

Thank you,
Rick Johnson

DM

TERRY BLACE

January 22, 2013

City of Barrie
P.O. Box 400
Barrie, ON
L4M 4T5



Attn Dawn McAlpine, City Clerk

Dear Ms McAlpine:

Re: Amendment to the Zoning By-law and Plan of Subdivision
480, 490 and 500 Maplevue Drive East, Barrie

This letter is in response to your Notices dated December 21, 2012 and January 11, 2013.

1. In our opinion, a total of 72 residential units is too dense. At a conservative calculation of 3 people per residence, an additional 216 people will be flowing in and out of this area, with a minimum of 72 vehicles. We would like this area to remain Residential Single Detached and the lots to have a minimum frontage of 40 feet.
2. We are unable to find any allowance for green space/parkland on the Draft Plan of Subdivision included with your January 11 notice.
3. The noise and dirt of construction traffic 7 days a week in addition to the residential traffic is not something we should be expected to tolerate. The current volume of traffic in this area has increased over the past 5 years because of the number of vehicles which travel Country Lane from Maplevue East to Madelaine to avoid the deteriorating road condition of Maplevue Drive between Country Lane and Madelaine.

We trust the above will be taken into consideration as talks with the developer go forward..

Yours truly,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is "T.P. Blace" and the second is "Louise Robinson".
Terry Blace and Louise Robinson

27 January 2013,

Planning Services Department
City of Barrie
70 Collier Street
Barrie
L4M4T5

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: File # D12-402/D14-1544

I am writing today in reference to the above proposed plan of subdivision. I am concerned with this plan since it seems that there has been no thought put in this plan with regards to direct access from Nathan Crescent to Mapleview Drive. The proposed plans show that the only way of access to Mapleview Drive will be via Country Lane and consequently Madelaine Drive. Not only will this increase the traffic flow both on Country Lane and on Madelaine Drive but also interfere with the right of the property owners on these two streets to enjoy their homes in relative tranquility. I can see the builder not wanting to provide direct access from Nathan Crescent to Mapleview with the hope of maximizing the number homes he can build on the said property and hence maximizing profits.

I have been a resident and home owner at the above address on Madelaine Drive since the home was built in 2003. I have seen the lands behind my property develop at a very rapid pace. When I bought my property I was aware of the proposed road plans for all these new homes going up and what seemed to be ample alternative means of access to Mapleview Drive so as not to increase the traffic on Madelaine Drive has over time proved to not be the case.

With this increased traffic on Madelaine we have also seen an increase in reckless driving and speeding drivers. Not only is it dangerous for many of the residents on Madelaine with young children but also for all the young children making their way to the Elementary School every morning and on their way back home every afternoon. Also with this heavy traffic volume, on pleasant breezy days in summer, with all the road noise, we are unable to sleep with our windows open and hence forced to use central air conditioning! All this not only at a significant cost to us but also the environment! I have 2 active young boys who have always wanted a basketball net in the front of the house that not only I have had to deny them but have also never allowed them to play on my front lawn because of the traffic volume and the fear of them getting run over. I personally know both my neighbours on either side of me with young children moved away because of this very same reason.

Currently I have to back up my cars onto my driveway for not only it is dangerous for us to back out on to the street but also next to impossible for us to do so during the busy hours of the morning and evening. Also because my home is almost at the corner of Country Lane I find even though I indicate well in advance and start slowing down to turn on to my driveway, I have drivers who want to turn on to Country Lane literally breathing down my neck! I am amazed at this rate that apart from a couple of pets being hit in front of my house that thankfully, I have not seen any accidents involving children!

I know there have already been 2 unsuccessful proposals one on November 29, 2005 and the other on January 13, 2012 to install an all way stop at Madelaine and Country Lane. I am guessing this proposal was brought forth 1) to act as a speed breaker 2) to allow ease of access to vehicles turning from Country Lane onto Madelaine. I for one was not in favour of this because during the rush hour it would further impede my access to my property with cars stopping at the stop sign.

Also, with the size of the proposed homes, likelihood of young families moving in is high, further increasing the load on the Elementary school in the area. This school despite undergoing construction 4 years ago to increase capacity is already back to using 8 portable units! Not mentioning that both the construction and the portable units taking away from playground space. Also, increased foot and vehicular traffic along Madelaine with children walking or being dropped off to school during rush hour will further compound to the traffic problems.

Not only will this increased volume of vehicles make a bad situation worse but in the long run further reduce the desirability of our homes and hence have a negative effect on the value of our properties.

Yours truly,
Rajesh Vyas

Cc: Councillor B. Jackson, Ward 9

To: cityclerks
Subject: Amendment to Zoning By-Law and Plan of Subdivision 480, 490 & 500 Maplevue Drive East

My name is Mrs. Kimberly Greco and our family lives on _____ from the proposed area for plan of subdivision and zoning amendment on 480, 490 and 500 Maplevue Drive East Barrie. Our family is opposed to these proposed changes.

Receiving this Notice has been quite unsettling to our family and created a lot of stress within our household. Suddenly the neighbourhood we have been falling in love with and watching our children grow up in over the last few years, could be changed drastically, robbing it of the qualities that we chose it for.

We put a great deal of time and consideration into choosing a neighbourhood to live in that was already established but still had the feel of a young neighbourhood. The purchase of our first home considered the needs of our young children growing up on a quiet street to traffic which is why we specifically made the choice to live towards the end of our dead end street. These are factors that bore great weight during our search for the right house and factors that would be drastically affected by the proposed changes.

To lengthen Booth Lane would see additional traffic flow as is. Add to that the lengthening of Nathan Crescent and the joining of these two streets and squeezing 72 more residences in this small area, there is sure to be not only increased traffic but also quite a lot of additional noise.

We are also concerned about how these proposed changes would alter the value of our property. As these proposed changes would result in our nine year old home being compared with brand new builds only driveways away. Suddenly features that made it worth spending more on our home will now be irrelevant as we will no longer be at the end of a quiet dead end street.

It does not feel fair that after years of loving our home and neighbourhood such a drastic change to it could just happen so easily, taking away the major influences that drew us to our property in the first place.

I strongly urge you, City Council Members of Barrie, to please say no to this proposed amendment to the zoning by-law and plan of subdivision.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kimberly Greco

Sent from my iPad

Sent: January 19, 2013 1:19 PM
To: Dawn McAlpine
Subject: Submission Request

Good Afternoon Ms. McAlpine;

My family and I currently reside on _____, Barrie. We were pleased to receive notification about the draft plan of subdivision for the property of 480, 490 and 500 Maplevue Drive East. however, upon reviewing the zone by-law and draft plan, we were disappointed to see that there is no planned play park to be included with the building plans.

We have resided _____ since March 2003. In our immediate area, there are many young families with young children. Our closest play park is on Madeline Drive, just past Esther Drive which is about a fifteen minute walk from our home and although it is wonderful to be able to get out and be active, it would be wonderful to have a park that is closer to our home for our neighbourhood children to play at.

We would like make a submission for consideration to add a play park into the plans of building the "new" subdivision in the area as mentioned above.

Should you have require any additional information, please feel free to contact us at _____

Thank you.

Stacey, Jason, Ella and Kaleigh Geddes

From: Tara Archdekin
Sent: January 23, 2013 4:06 PM
To: Dawn McAlpine
Subject: Plan of Subdivision Nathan Cres

File: D12-402/D14-1544

Hi,

I am a homeowner on Nathan Cres where the subdivision will be continued shortly.

There is a large number of children in our area, and no playground within a 15 min walking distance.

If there is a way to have a playground added to the building plans that would be great!

Thanks,
Tara

Tara Archdekin

Sent: January 25, 2013 1:09 PM

To: Dawn McAlpine

Subject: Plan of Subdivision No. D12-402 (480, 490, & 500 Mapleview Drive East, Barrie)

Plan of Subdivision No. D12-402 (480, 490, & 500 Mapleview Drive East, Barrie)

City of Barrie-City Clerk's Office (Dawn McAlpine),

We have reviewed the documents concerning the above noted Plan of Subdivision Application and have no comments or concerns at this time.

Our preliminary review considers issues affecting Hydro One's 'High Voltage Facilities and Corridor Lands' only.

For proposals affecting 'Low Voltage Distribution Facilities' the Owner/Applicant should consult their local area Distribution Supplier. Where Hydro One is the local supplier the Owner/Applicant must contact the Hydro subdivision group via email at subdivision@Hydroone.com or call 1-866-272-3330.

If you have any questions please contact the undersigned authority.

Thank you,

Dennis De Rango
Specialized Services Team Lead
Hydro One-Real Estate
905-946-6237