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City Clerk
Corporate Services Department
71 Main Street West, 1st Floor
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

RE: File ZAC-09-030, Mattamy Limited Zoning Application

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident on Fellowes Crescent and I am writing regarding Mattamy's proposal of building 85 homes adjacent to our street.

At no time were any of the local residents informed such an extensive development would be constructed there. When I purchased my home in July 2012 I was told a few homes were being built when I enquired with city hall. I would never have bought my home if I had been given notice that 85 town homes would be constructed at what was a dead end street.

Fellowes Crescent is a young family area, with copious amounts of elementary age children. The children are always outside playing, and there has not been much concern for traffic. However, with such an increase in homes, we might as well live on a main thoroughfare.

I cannot speak for the other families as I do not want to reveal their personal information, but there are at least 4 children on Fellowes Crescent with a diagnosis of autism. My seven year old daughter is one of them. A child with autism does not appreciate common risks, such as the dangers of street traffic because their minds do not process events that could happen in the future. Whereas a neuro typical child can be taught that if they step in front of an oncoming car they will be hit and injured, a child with autism is not capable of comprehending a future event that has not transpired and therefore, will step right out in front of that car.

Are you willing to put that extra risk on my family and the others?

I bought my house believing it to be a safe neighbourhood. If Mattamy is allowed to overcrowd our area, my daughter will be confined to the house as the risk is too great.

In addition, the increase in traffic will have a negative effect on the road surfaces which were not built to withstand such an escalation in daily traffic. The addition of heightened traffic noise will be detrimental to the families already calling Fellowes Crescent home. There is no public benefit to cramming as many multi housing structures in that parcel of land when there are vast amounts of vacant land in the surrounding areas and will only overtax an already overburdened infrastructure.

There are no plans to build a green space for the children to play, nor any green space at all.

We have enough homes in our area, the schools are crowded without the necessary support staff. There is no solid legal, financial or ethical reason to approve Mattamy's application.

Please, in the interest of existing Waterdown residents, and the children who will be irreparably harmed by such an enormous development, deny the application.

Thank you.

Leigh-Ann Saddington