
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Notice regarding: November 10, 2016

ZAC-15-050 **Robert Clackett, City of Hamilton**
Planning and Economic Development Department

25T-201509 **Development Planning, Heritage and Design - Suburban Team**
71 Main Street West, 5th Floor, Hamilton, ON, L8P 4Y5

Dear Mr. Clackett,

We have received notice of the development scheduled for completion next to our home off of Gatestone Drive and Second Road West. We have lived on Gatestone Drive for almost 12 years and have enjoyed the area and our resident neighbours. When we purchased our home we were aware of its location and the potential for development in the future. We are looking forward to having nearby neighbours and are happy to see an end to the grassy, weedy field that has abutted our property.

Our concern, as we're sure you're used to hearing, is how this will affect us, our home, and our enjoyment of our home. Specifically, the location of any potential sidewalks for this new development. You see, the style of home we decided to build 12 years ago has our front door facing into the new Eringate court. As such, the possibility of a sidewalk being installed on our 'front' yard is not appealing to us. We realize our 'front' lawn contains a portion of city property and we've been happy to maintain it (while constantly battling weeds) however, a sidewalk installed on this city owned property would, we believe, negatively affect our home. Taking rough measurements from our owner's survey would have a boulevard-bordered sidewalk just 15 feet from where we eat breakfast.

We have also, in the last 12 years, planted trees, installed a concrete walkway to access our front door, and installed an irrigation system to further enhance our property and we don't see any of these surviving a sidewalk installation.

We believe a sidewalk installed across the street (on the east side of Eringate Ct.) would offer an easier solution and since it would be on our across-the-street neighbours 'side' yard it would not have a negative impact on his property.

A visit to the development site would illustrate these points quite clearly as our house has developed in the last 12 years into a home. We would be happy to host anyone from the development team that wishes to visit.

We appreciate any and all consideration into this matter by your suburban team and hope your decisions will help us to continue to enjoy our home.

Thank you.