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Subject: "Rosewood Estates-Estate Homes on oversized lots"

Dear Councillors

I am writing on behalf of myself and my wife Janet Hughes-Mackey (we have resided at [Redacted] in Dundas for 29 years). in order to register total opposition to this development.

Our reasons are as follows:

1. Destruction of over 600 trees. At a time when the urban tree canopy is an essential habitat for several species at risk and a proven bulwark against a changing climate, destroying trees for any reason other than safety is an offence.
2. City priorities including maximizing a diverse tree canopy, protecting significant woodlands, wetlands and buffers to urban influences on the environment appear to be in danger of being ignored (all because of a procedural secondary plan which apparently overarches the Official Plan of the city). Future generations will once again suffer due to our inability to stick to a plan.
3. 17 luxury estate lots along with all of the many demands coming from owners of such lots should no longer be built due to the ongoing affordable housing crisis. The city would be better off directing its time and resources to furthering its affordable housing plan and maximizing a share of any new national initiatives in this regard.
4. The recently identified citywide Crisis in Biodiversity needs all of us to buy in now. When making decisions that worsen this existential challenge with the facts clearly in our faces; once again we lessen the chance of turning around the crisis in habitat loss that threatens present and future generations across the planet.

In summary, this development which truly only benefits the developer will remove valuable and irreplaceable resources from the land. In the context of the provincial government's "Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy" Act, 2025 it is essential to continue to assert local control of indispensable and impossible to replace natural features and systems.

Sincerely,

James Mackey and Janet Hughes-Mackey