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To: [Jennifer Mayhew](#)
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Subject: FW: PAC - PS1-19-DN /ZBA5-19-DN - Public Meeting Tue April 2/19
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Good Afternoon,

Please make sure that this e-mail gets included on the addendum for this application.

Thanks,

From: Cheri Reansbury [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 8:41 PM
To: dan.namisniak@brant.ca; Heather Boyd
Subject: PAC - PS1-19-DN /ZBA5-19-DN - Public Meeting Tue April 2/19

County of Brant

RE : Planning Advisory Committee Notice PS1-19-DN / ZBA5-19-DN

Stonehenge Acres Limited

Oakland Road/Bannister St

Former Township of Oakland

We the undersigned residence of 181 & 183 Oakland Road parts of lot 5 concession 1 object to the proposed zoning change and the proposed residential plan of a sub division of single detached dwellings on private services.

As families that have lived in the area for multiple generations we feel that we grasp the needs of the area and have a unique perspective on the potential impact of the new development plan based on past experiences. Our primary concerns are for the health of the land and water table, the loss of animal habitat, the breakdown of the agricultural society of the Oakland area and the potential financial impact of the proposed development.

Our primary concern is the impact to the areas aquifer and the subsequent impact to our wells. We are more than concerned that the addition of nearly two dozen proposed detached homes, the amenities which they would require and any other future development would put stress on our existing wells. This situation could potentially mean the loss of our wells and the loss of our primary drinking and bathing water. We are concerned that if this outcome were to come to fruition there would be no effective solution to amend the problem.

Our next concern has to do with the potential runoff and land erosion that the proposed development would create. With a past development to Bannister Street we noticed an immediate effect in the form of increased seasonal run off and storm related flooding. We are especially affected by this since our properties are at the bottom of a hill and are located on the filled remains of a quarry. Each year we see flooding, often near knee deep, in our back

yards and many times we have seen water flowing in a river-like manner to the depression at the back of the properties. This erodes the land each year and creates a fertile breeding ground for mosquitoes and other pests. With a much closer development being proposed, we are concerned that an existing problem will only become exacerbated.

Another concern has to do with the destruction of animal habitat. For many years this area has been a haven for animals. It is not an uncommon scenario to witness herds of deer, small packs of coyotes, breeding turkey vultures and all manner of small mammals. With the addition of the proposed development these animals will be displaced to other areas and the whole ecology of the area will be disrupted.

Our next concern has to do with the breakdown of our agricultural society that Oakland is based around. The whole area was founded by farmers, many of which are still farming the land like their forefathers. The proposed development would mean the direct destruction of good agricultural land. A further concern also has to do with the people that would live in this new development. We have seen the result of other surveys, particularly in Mount Pleasant, being constructed around farm land and then those people detrimentally affecting the farmer. Most notably either through their lack of understanding about how a successful farm is run, the potential animal smells, and the early and long hours cultivation can take up.

Our final concern has to do with the financial impact on our taxes. We already pay an exorbitant amount in property taxes and we are concerned about how the proposed development would affect that. We are also concerned about how the existing infrastructure would be able to handle this new development and, again, how we would be financially affected.

In closing, due to the effect on the land, water-table, wild-life, agriculture and finances we are strongly opposed to the proposed zoning change and development project.

Please confirm receipt of this email. We would also like to be notified of any future meetings or decisions concerning this application of this proposal.

Our regards,

Andrew Reansbury

Cheri Reansbury

Janette Ritchie

Richard Reansbury

Larissa Stairs