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Richmond Hill, Ontario.

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Staff Report : #SRPRS.19.097

Once again I will try and express our complete frustration and dismay over the proposed development that will back onto our yard. We have lived in our home for over thirty-five years and originally paid an additional premium to purchase our house with the backdrop of the trees from the rear yard of the Church Street properties.

We were advised at that time (I worked for the developer and builder) that the houses on Church street were heritage and that the green space could not be removed.

This isn't a new development - it is a travesty - building a subdivision in a backyard? Instead of looking out at the trees - I will now get to look out at a brick wall. We spend every available minute in our back yard, enjoying nature and the green space our rear yard provided.

A few weeks ago there was an article in our Town paper about Richmond Hill preserving its green spaces. Church street is a part of the Heritage of Richmond Hill - now it will look like the downtown core - squeezing every inch of space for profit.

I have been to enough town council meetings to know most developers have enough money to push their projects through. We are just tax payers - nothing more as far as it seems. You ask your taxpayers for their input - please listen to our words.

We walked past the subject lands a few weeks ago. There were over fifty bags of garbage on the front lawn - chickens and rooster walking around and RATS - YES RATS. We have never seen a rat before in our area until this past few weeks. If this is how your prospective developer leaves his properties - you will be rewarding him with the passing of their proposal. There is a new study being done in the downtown core of construction disturbing long buried rats nests.

We have not yet been advised of:

1. The grade of the rear property is higher than ours - what will they do to prevent swamping in our back yard
2. What trees will be removed
3. How will fire trucks have access
4. How high will the future dwellings be - will they be slab on grade
5. How close to the fence will the rear wall of the houses be to our fence.
6. Will there be a landscape plan for along the rear of the lots
7. Will there be garbage pickup at each new home - or an allocated area for garbage (more rats)

I remember many years ago a neighbour built a really nice shed in his back yard and the original owners of the Church Street property complained and he had to comply. That was a shed – this is a subdivision. We already had one over thirty year resident move away last year due to the potential impact of this subdivision. They had to sell at less than market rate due to the unknown of the rear yard properties. Will we have to sell too - who will make up the loss of income to us. How do you ascertain how much value will be lost when you look at a brick wall instead of trees and all of nature's glory.

We do not have the money to properly fight this development - so we place our trust in the Town of Richmond Hill to keep the green space and act on our behalf as taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration to our words.

Yours truly,

Mick and Christine Waldman

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