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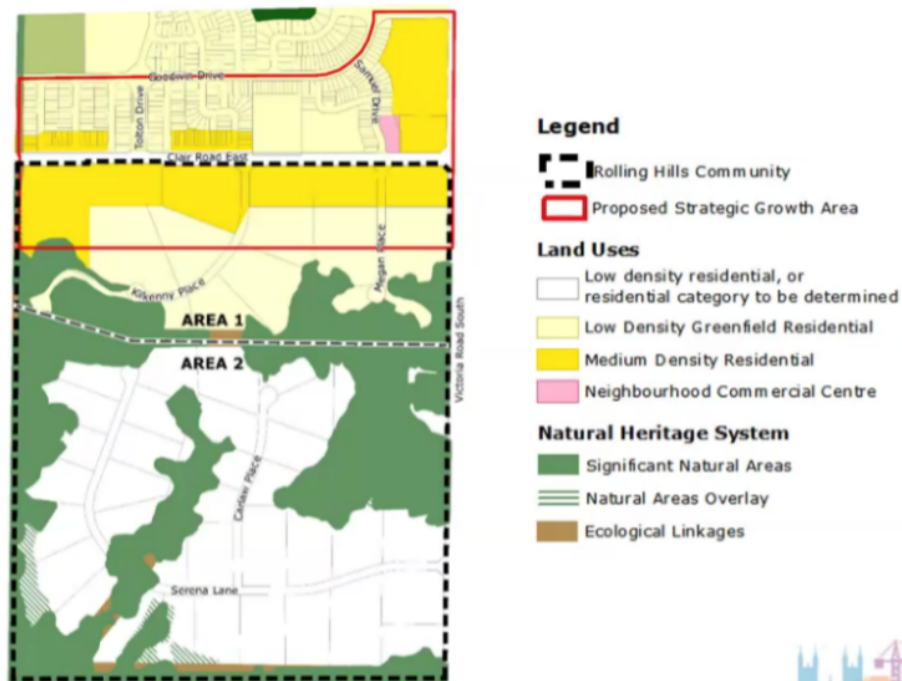
Guelph City Hall
1 Carden Street
Guelph, Ontario
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Attention: Mayor Cam Guthrie and Members of Council

**Re: Public Meeting at Council
South Clair Road Neighbourhood Association
Shaping Guelph – Official Plan Update**

On April 20, 2021 Guelph city staff hosted a Virtual Rolling Hills Town Hall - Shaping Guelph meeting which we greatly appreciate. At this meeting a slide was presented showing the Growth Option for Rolling Hills which is included below in this letter. The owners in Area 1 have organized and created the South Clair Road Neighbourhood Association. As an owner in Area 1, at **Megan Place**, I wish to state my support for the Strategic Growth Area identified for Area 1. I am also in support of the Low-Density Greenfield Residential and Medium Density Residential designations as shown for Area 1. I believe that the city is taking the right approach by dividing Rolling Hills into two areas for the purposes of planning for this area. City staff have found a good balance to proceed forward while being fair and respectful of the concerns expressed by both areas of Rolling Hills.

Rolling Hills – growth options



We have moved to [REDACTED] Megan Place in Spring of 2020. We truly like our new house and area and are enjoying the quiet nature and environment. Shortly after moving to this area, we learned that there is a possibility that the side of Rolling hill that our house is located may be in the city's future development. My wife (Mitra) and I had significant discussion on the need of a city to provide housing for its citizen and the right of an owner to enjoy a quiet environment. Both of us do care deeply about environment and our environmental footprint in this world.

While we are enjoying leaving in nearly 4 acres of land with significant amount of landscaping, we are also acutely aware that this is a huge privilege to have for only 3 people. We know that this is not an environmentally friendly lifestyle and not a green way of thinking. No matter how selfish we might be, we cannot deny that there is only one earth and every single citizen have the same environmental right that we do. If the city can house many more people in our property via high density, this would be a huge benefit to the environment and would have significantly less impact on our climate (impact on environment/household). That is exactly why, as an owner in Area 1 and part of the South Clair Road Neighbourhood Association, I wish to state my support of the proposed Strategic Growth Area and Low-Density Greenfield Residential and Medium Density Residential designations proposed for Area 1.

We strongly urge Council to support this as has been presented by city staff to have a more environmentally friendly, equitable and fair living spaces for Guelph citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Please provide me with notice of the decision of Council related to the Shaping Guelph Official Plan Update.

Sincerely Yours,

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Ali and Mitra Ashkar

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Megan Place
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