

Dear Mayor Guthrie, City Councillors and City Staff,

The Rolling Hills neighborhood is a unique place where people live surrounded by nature within a city, and it is my family's home. The city has recognized in its study that estate residential is a viable land use in Guelph, and it should be applied to the entire Rolling Hills subdivision.

There are places worth preserving in this city and places where the city should encourage sustainable urban intensification. If preserved, Rolling Hills will be a natural oasis within the already approved Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan surrounding it. People in our neighbourhood benefit from living in a thoughtful, progressive city surrounded by nature and this does not need to change. As you know there are core urban areas, transit centric nodes and planned greenfield developments within the city of Guelph that would welcome and accommodate additional density. Intensification of these areas would be more aligned with good modern planning principles and they will result in more sustainable and efficient development.

I hope that planning staff and the city recognize that the plan in front of us today falls short. There are more attractive alternatives to intensification of Rolling Hills and there is no better place to apply the estate residential land use than Serena Lane, Carlaw Place and the rest of Rolling Hills. We hope that you make the right choice to preserve Guelph's most unique, nature-first community and that you focus on progressive, sustainable city building in order to meet your planning and growth targets.

Sincerely,  
Courtney Nelles and Family  
Serena Lane