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Hi there,

My name is Kim, I live at Timberwalk Trail. I am writing regarding Sifton's development plan behind our home.

I want to thank the planning committee and our council for the meeting on February 21st and for acknowledging that Sifton's application for minor variances is not so minor - thank you.

When my fiance and myself were looking to build our first home together, we fell in love with Ilderton and the neighbourhood plan that Sifton had proposed (below), which included a school, a park just three houses down from our own at the corner of Timberwalk and Arrowwood and another playground around the corner on Songbird. We were starting our young family and Sifton's development plan for the neighbourhood suited us perfectly.

We put everything that we had into building our home, including a massive investment in our backyard with a pool for our young family to enjoy. This might just be another project for Sifton, but this is our dream home, our life and our privacy. As you can see from the images below, there is a huge difference between what we were sold and what is being delivered. We are not getting the school, we have been in our home for six years and still no park/playground in sight, and now, instead of having homes of our value and size built behind us (which do not back directly into our backyard), we are going to be surrounded by townhomes looking directly into our backyard and bedroom windows.

Please put yourself in our shoes - imagine it's your home - always having your windows and blinds closed for privacy, and constantly worrying about your children (our son will be 1 year old this summer and I am sure he will be running around without his bathing suit at times).

Sifton's new plan is a complete bait-and-switch on what they had proposed and we never would have built on this lot had they been upfront with their plans. Not to mention that by the time we get one of the playgrounds that we were promised, our children will be passed the age of wanting to play there.

I have also included our email correspondence with who we were working with when purchasing the lot. As you can see from his email below, we paid quite a bit at the time for our "lot premium." We would never have paid any type of premium for a lot that backs directly on to multi-story townhomes that look into our backyard.

As you can see, our lot is directly and severely impacted by the proximity of the medium density development. Can we not eliminate blocks "A and B" to address the most problematic setback issues and bring the development back down to the approved density? Sifton has proposed building so many townhomes on this land that they literally do not fit (vehicles hanging out of driveways onto sidewalks, etc...). If they won't agree to removing blocks A & B, can you please propose that they change the plans to accommodate single-story dwellings or control how closely they can build in proximity to our backyard. I know for certain that all of our neighbours' privacy that is being impacted by these townhouses would greatly appreciate having some space and privacy for our families.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. It really will affect our entire lifestyle, ability to enjoy our home and backyard and the small community/country living "feel" of Timberwalk and Ilderton as a whole. Please keep us in the loop with any information or updates. Thank you,

Kim Cash

