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Expansion of Mid-Halton  
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Subject: Proposed  
Sewage Treatment Plant

Dear Mr. Ohashi,

We have recently moved into the Glen Abbey neighbourhood, at 1276 Blackthorn Place, and are now alarmed by the proposal to expand the Mid-Halton Sewage Treatment Plant. This issue was brought to our attention just this week by concerned parents in our neighbourhood.

>From articles we have read and conversations we have had with neighbours, there appear to be significant inconsistencies within the Master Plan for Oakville and, in particular, the relationship between the local residential zoning, urban development, and the location and scope of the sewage treatment facility.

We are concerned for the health and well-being of local residents including the children attending schools just north of the facility. It seems inconceivable that such a facility (with the assumed expanded scope) would be allowed so close to a large residential community. Our understanding is that initial plans for the expanded facility were developed prior to the residential development. One could question why residential development on the scale which has taken place in the area was ever allowed given plans for the treatment facility. However, since the residential development has been allowed to take place, any plans for the treatment facility need to be revisited on the basis of the residential development which since occurred. Assuming the Mid-Halton treatment facility did not exist, would the Region ever consider and allow itself to construct such a facility in the present location given the existing residential population? If not, then any plans for expansion and future development are irresponsible and grossly negligent.

Many of the impact studies claimed by the Region in support of the expansion of the facility appear to be based upon plans and regional conditions existing prior to the majority of the residential development in the area. These same studies cannot be used to support expansion of the treatment facility.

We demand an extended public comment period and the opportunity to review complete environmental as well as health and safety impact studies of any proposed expansion on the basis of current community demographics.

We look forward to your response and we would greatly appreciate a copy of the consolidated response once completed.

Concerned citizens,

Jennifer and Steven Monte