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Subject: Sewage

Plant Expansion

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As a resident of the Bronte area of Oakville, I am writing to respectfully but urgently request that the Town of Oakville halt plans to expand the sewage treatment plant in the Glenn Abbey area directly, and put much more time into consulting, studying the consequences, and allowing for public input.

The Oakville/Milton region is already expanding at a ridiculous rate, and it seems the consequences of such things as increased waste production have been extremely poorly planned. When the current plant was constructed, the multiple Glenn Abbey subdivisions didn't exist. Now it is in the middle of a densely populated residential area. It already accounts for odour and other environmental pollutants. How you expect to justify to tax payers an expansion where this will only worsen, and where sewage will be dumped into the Lake, probably in the area of Bronte Harbour where there are already concerns about pollution and where the summer waters are already plagued with odour forming algae? And we are supposed to support this process with our tax dollars?

Surely there are other locations where a new plant could be built with correct specifications for odour and pollution control, perhaps more practically located in the still "outlying" areas closer to Milton, even close to the sledge dump...which might make sense. The Town's plan seems short-sighted, rushed and unconcerned. High density, boxy subdivisions have already changed the character of Oakville for the very worse. Transportation around and through the area is a nightmare and getting worse. Public transportation is a joke, and environmental pollution from air emissions increases because residents are forced to drive...ever try to get to Milton without a car?

I am usually not a vocal person, but I vehemently feel our town has been ruined enough. Please listen to the concerns of your residents, stop hurting Oakville and stop this expansion immediately.

Sincerely,

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