

As a resident of Glen Abbey, I am very concerned about the proposal to increase the size of the sewage plant. I know that at the present time, there are huge tanker trucks rumbling up and down Third Line all day long. I have observed them coming up Third Line towards highway 5 at 10:00 at night. These tankers are heavier, and louder than the builder's trucks, transporting dirt! I thought that such vehicular traffic was supposed to be on Highway 25, where there is no residential housing.

I have never understood why Oakville allowed the planning and development of its communities in such a way, as to have a roadway like Third Line running straight through the middle of it's residential neighbourhoods. Since the builders completed construction of the homes above Upper Middle Road, traffic has increased unbelievably. This is causing a huge amount of air and noise pollution in the middle of a community full of homes with young and growing families. Now the town wants to build a larger sewage plant. Those tankers will be rumbling up and down Third Line night and day, creating the kind of noise that will require people to keep their windows closed, and take away the pleasure of sitting in backyards during the summer months. We certainly won't be a bedroom community; it will sound more like we are living in an industrial community. No doubt, it will smell like one too. Of course, once the town has allowed the land north of Highway 5 to be developed for more residential homes, and businesses are allowed to develop their community up there as well, the traffic, with its box trucks, vans, and transports making deliveries day and evening, will create a huge level of noise and air pollution on Third Line, and Highway 5.

Add to this, a sewage plant that will be increasing in size several times over the next 20 years. The odour and whatever contaminants the plant will be producing, will be another addition to the soupy air we are already breathing. All this, with a residential community in its midst!

I think it would be prudent to have the deadline for the response to the Public Works department extended 120 days, so that this pressing issue can be dealt with adequately.

Sincerely,

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