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Subject: Waste Water/
Expansion Comments

To: David Ohashi

Mr. Ohashi,

I am a resident that lives in the South-west section of 3rd Line and Upper Middle Rd. Below are some of my concerns. I appreciate that you are allowing comments but I fear that they are too late and will fall on to deaf ears.

1. I attended 2 meetings regarding this and the staff do not seem open to changes and did not put much effort on explaining how the decision of expanding this site was made. No offence to the region staff but I believe this is much a political as it is a financial decision. You should have made the public and the regional counselors part of the decision making process before you make your recommendation. Why was an industrial area not selected? Maybe the residents of Oakville would be willing to pay more for a more favorable solution.

2. The residents in the area are for the most part not aware of this proposed expansion or even its location. I have talked to 4 of my neighbours and every one of them did not know anything about it. If the region thinks that the normal channels of communication are effective in informing the public on such an issue, why did they use additional communication methods (e.g. put up temporary signage) to inform the residents of the new blue box days. The Region should ensure that the residents of the affected and possibly affected neighbourhoods be made aware of this proposed expansion and given time to comment before a decision is made. It is not fair to assume that we all read the Oakville Beaver.

3. Criteria for the selection of the site did not include the impact of odour on the neighbourhood. The only odour test that was done was very

weak in methodology and resulting applicability.

4. The premise of putting a large waste water facility in a well established residential neighbourhood possibly impacting thousands of residents in Oakville to serve industrial and residential future growth is very flawed. I am not an environmentalist nor do I believe that I should not have some facilities to support the region but to have one neighbourhood sullied to serve future residents/industries seems wrong!

5. The residents that are aware of this proposed expansion have not been told what the implications will be. How are we to respond when there are no hard or even soft numbers on the result of the expansion? What has happened in other neighbourhoods when this type of installation is in use?

6. Future growth has caused this project to be needed. Why are we not relooking at that decision and ensure as a condition of growth new technology be used to meet the needs of that growth without impacting negatively current vibrant neighbourhoods