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To Whom it may concern,

It has come to our attention that there is a plan to build a water pumping station within the neighbourhood of Stoney Island Crescent. The first concern we have is that this was not communicated to the residents of the neighbourhood and was only discovered by chance that this was in planning stages and questions and comments were required by the 28th April 2023.

After being directed to the on-line video, we have several concerns about this location being deemed the most viable. The chosen space is zoned Open Space and Environmentally protected. This land is also within a flood risk area under the SVCA.

This is the only green space within this subdivision and contains a water holding pond as part of the storm Water Management System for our neighbourhood. This holding pond is home to several wildlife and vegetation species that use this area for protection and breeding throughout the season, of which include birds, frogs, muskrats and turtles.

The side lands beside this drainage pond provide year-round outdoor entertainment for the neighbourhood families to play games, run and gives access to the public beach. It is my understanding that all newly developed neighbourhoods are either required or highly recommended to have green space that is not privately owned to allow an area for safe outdoor use. Why would the municipality choose the only green space in this area to “squeeze” in an industrial building within a residential neighbourhood?

This drainage/retention pond collects water runoff from our street to prevent flooding of our homes. As recent as this month, the current drainage ditch has overflowed, crossed the street and filled this pond. Further disruption to this area and the ability to collect runoff would put several homes at risk to extensive damage.

It should also be noted that there is a small pumping station at the entrance to the sub-division, directly adjacent to the B-Line (Bruce Road 23) that has been abandoned since the water line was installed. Would this land not be more suitable as it is closer to the main water line and would not require digging up a street and destroying a natural habitat, removing green space, as well as risking damage to homes due to flooding? Even this is not that desirable, but it shows there are much better options than what is being proposed.

I understand there is further phases to this project before a final decision is made. We would like the project group to take our concerns into consideration. We believe there are more suitable locations between Kincardine and Bruce Power that would be less disruptive to the community and the Environment.

Thank you

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