

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alan Read and I live about 300 metres from the proposed site of rezoning for the purpose of building a crematorium. I oppose this idea for a couple of reasons and also have a few questions.

My first concern is about property value and how this might change how desirable our neighbourhood will be to live in. I believe stigma alone can damage the general feel in the neighbourhood and make it less desirable.

Another concern of mine has to do with the general venting and movement of air in this area. As a homeowner with a wood furnace for over 16 years I can tell you we have a fairly consistent downward pressure. It isn't uncommon for the smoke from my chimney (with correct WETT specifications) to be pushed down along the roof and onto the ground. I'm concerned for the safety of my family and neighbours that this might be an issue with invisible exhaust emitting from the crematorium.

I am hoping to hear from the applicants about the air quality tests and precautionary measures they plan to take. Will there be a localized spot forecast for any duration to see what is actually going to happen to exhaust from the facility?

The biggest issue I have with this rezoning is why in a residential area? This seems like a more industrial area type of project. What is the justification of having houses impacted by this when there are other sites without residences within 300-400 metres?

If this is to go through, what steps are being taken to minimize the visual impact this will have on some of the direct neighbours in the area? Some houses will be looking directly at it and small hedges will not hide it. Are there plans for fencing, trees, or anything else to minimize its impact?

Thank you,

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