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27 Shaw Ave East

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East, Henry Villa, and Milton Ave East

SHAW AVE ENTRANCE:

- The applicant is proposing that Hill Head Street (designated condominium road) is to connect onto Shaw Ave East
- Shaw Ave East, Henry Villa Rd, and Milton Ave East are currently quiet dead-end streets



INCREASED TRAFFIC ON SHAW AVE

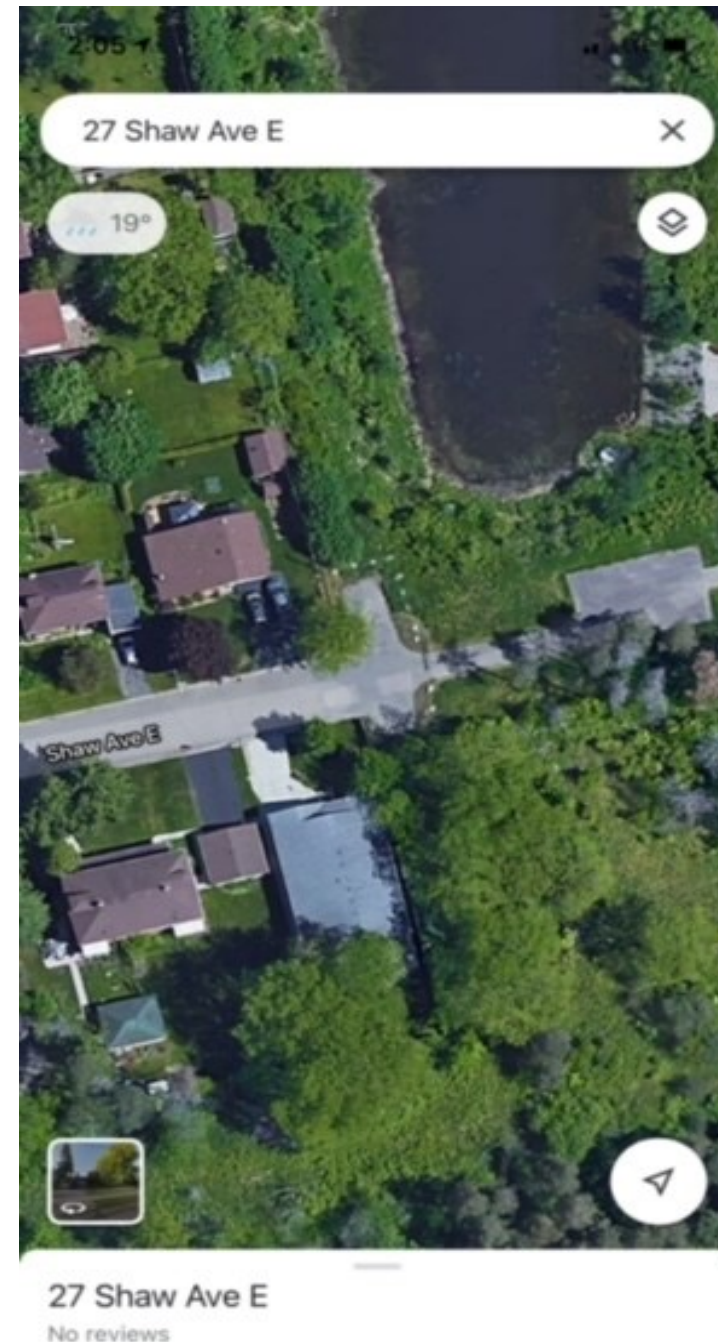
- We have been told that with the updated design, there will be 181 units, with the largest concentration of density at the back of the development closest to Shaw Avenue
- You don't need to be a traffic engineer to recognize that if things are backed up at the other entrance to Guelph Ave, half of the traffic will come onto Shaw Ave East, and potentially onto Henry Villa and Milton Ave East
- Looking at the design, at least 2 of the stacked townhouse complexes will likely choose to exit onto Shaw Ave as it is the shorter route
- The traffic study assumes that each household will have approximately 1.5 cars, that is an extra 271 cars coming onto our streets
- A more realistic calculation would use 2 cars per household (362 extra cars)
- Even if only half the traffic exits via Shaw Ave East, that is an extra 181 cars entering our quiet streets

SAFETY

- Many families in the area have young children, and my own children spend a lot of time outside playing and riding bikes
- Shaw and Milton Avenues also connect to the trail system – this draws a significant amount of pedestrian and bike traffic from outside the immediate neighbourhood
- The far end of Shaw Ave East does not have a sidewalk, leaving all pedestrians no choice but to walk on the road if they want to reach the trails
- How safe is this with the increased traffic flow of potentially 181-362 cars?

WILDLIFE

- The end of Shaw Ave is the start of one of the many trail systems highlighting the beauty of the Mill Pond Area, and Mr. Forbes' previous bird sanctuary
- There is also a water reservoir in this area containing beavers, fish, water fowl, osprey, turtles, and many others

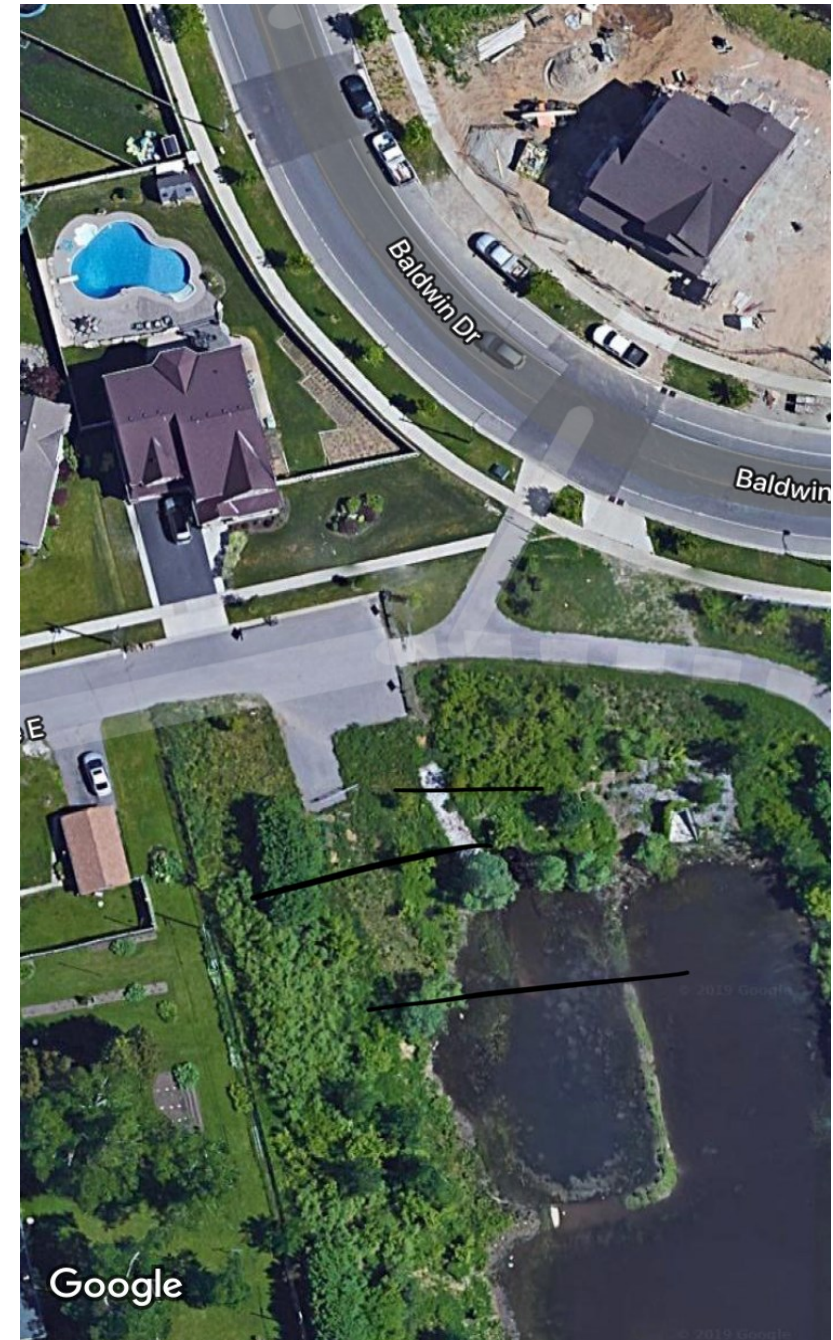


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- The new design shows a court like circle at the end of Shaw Ave – how many trees will be cut down in this process?
- Where will parking be for people who choose to drive to the trail system?
- How will this change in street structure impact the wildlife
- Considering the development has already proposed to cut down hundreds of trees and threaten other delicate wildlife, the damage should be minimized

OPTIONS:

- In the past, City Council has had a very positive record of protecting existing neighbourhoods
- An example of this is down the street on Milton Ave East when the Mattamy subdivision was built
- An “emergency exit” was built instead of allowing traffic to flow between Milton Ave and Baldwin Dr
- There are many other examples of this throughout Cambridge



PROPOSAL

- We are proposing a gated emergency access to separate the existing established lower density neighbourhood from the Forbes development
- The roads contained within the Forbes development are condominium roads – therefore, one exit should be sufficient for this development
- A gated access would still allow emergency responders to enter the development if the other entrance is blocked, while protecting the existing neighbourhood from further environmental destruction and increased traffic flow
- We also feel that a gated access would be more in line with the official city plan which states intensification should be “minor in nature” and be “compatible with the existing neighbourhood”

CONCLUSION:

- The residents of Shaw Ave East, Henry Villa Drive, and Milton Ave East have concerns regarding the influx of traffic entering our quiet neighbourhood from the Forbes Development
- Considering the Forbes development is also destroying one of the largest tree canopies in Cambridge, the residents are concerned with further loss of trees and wildlife at the end of Shaw Ave
- We ask that you strongly consider a gated access at the intersection of Hill Head Street and Shaw Ave to reduce traffic flow and minimize environmental impact keeping inline with the official city plan.