



CHARTWELL-MAPLE GROVE

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Subject: Future use of the Linbrook School site – What do YOU think?

As you may be aware, the Town of Oakville has undertaken the South Central Public Lands Study to determine the fate of the vacant schools sites at Linbrook, Brantwood, and Chisholm, as well as the site of the current hospital. The details of this study are available on the Town's website at: <http://www.oakville.ca/business/south-central-public-lands.html>

After extensive public consultation, the Town staff is recommending 6 large residential lots for much of the site, one with a heritage designation on the old school building, and retention of the existing woodlot as public parkland. This option can be viewed on the Town's website in Appendix D of the March 18th Staff Report on the South Central Public Lands study.

At the same time, someone has come forward to propose that they would be interested in acquiring most of the existing Linbrook site in order to open a new independent school for boys, with maximum enrollment of about 180 students. St Mildred's current enrollment is approximately 580 students. The proponents of this new school are not associated with St Mildred's. It is not known whether this offer could even be financially viable, but the possibility exists.

The Town's concern with this proposal (aside from financial negotiations, which have not even begun) is primarily with the effect on the neighbourhood with respect to traffic, should another school be permitted.

The board of the Chartwell-Maple Grove Residents Association would like to hear what YOU have to say on this matter, so we can best represent your interests in discussions with the Town.

Do you prefer the Town's recommendation of residential lots? Do you think the configuration is appropriate? Do you think the neighbourhood would be well served by another independent school on the Linbrook site? Please let us know NOW, as this issue will be going to Council for a vote in early April.

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