

Letters

Church St. neighbors respond to criticisms

Dear Editor,
I challenge the person who wrote the letter about the Church Street home to give themselves a name. Have they seen 43 Church from both the front and back? Most of the home sits in OUR backyards. If they feel so strongly that "infill housing in historical neighborhoods" should not be addressed then let them stand up and be counted.

We the Laings have suffered extensive damage to both our home (basement leaking due to the new home settling) and our backyard area. We just had to pay thousands of dollars for trees just to regain back some of our privacy in our back yard. There have been major problems to us as neighbors due to the size and proximity of 43 Church to our home. We do not want this to happen to others. It is our business. We have also witnessed a great deal of support through this ordeal from caring people all over the town including some councillors and the CAO of Stouffville who are concerned with the direction this town may be headed should it allow its heritage areas to be desecrated by developers who seem to be only interested in how much square footage they can squeeze into small areas purely for resale

purposes. Sure that Nastors are living in the house - they receive a substantial tax break for doing so for at least a year. We, the Laings, tried desperately to purchase that lot which was forced into sale 12 hours prior to our purchase and we were refused.

By the way, in reference to the size of our homes - IF our homes are slightly larger than 43 Church, it is because our lots are over twice the size of 43 Church. Whomever wrote this letter has not been following the issues we are fighting for - the main one being - for the town to address infill housing in historical neighborhoods before it is too late.

In terms of treating others the way we would like to be treated - we would NEVER have built a home at the

expense of doing damage to other adjacent homes nor would we have stripped our neighbors of all their privacy. The coward who wrote this letter is not only (Please see page 21)

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