

**Resident of
Scarborough – Rouge Park**

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Re: ERO proposals 019-0144/019-1446 (Anaerobic Digestion/Biogas creation facility) at 633 Coronation Drive

Online Petition

As a local resident living close to the site of the proposed Waste Depot and Biogas plant at 633 Coronation Drive, I posted an online petition objecting to the proposal on May 11th. Within the first week, 2000 people had signed it. There are significant issues with this proposal and the most important is location. This proposal is to ship waste materials from all over Ontario into a waterfront residential area to produce biogas, fertilizer and waste biproducts.

A copy of the petition can be viewed at the link below:

<http://change.org/westhillhealth>

As of June 14th, more than 4500 people had signed. As is shown in the Table below, more than half the signatures were from the GTA, with 1000 signatures from the residential areas most directly affected by the plant, namely the residents living in the communities in Postal Zones M1C (Highland Creek, Centennial and West Rouge) and M1E (West Hill, Manse Valley and Guildwood Village).



Petition Comments

About 10% of the most directly-affected residents chose to add comments, which are summarized in the Table below.

Three quarters of the respondents felt that the plant was located too close to the residential areas, and almost half were concerned about the negative impacts of significant amounts of heavy trucks going through their neighbourhoods, 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

The other concerns were related to negative impacts of the plant on the resident's quality of life, safety and health, and the negative environmental impacts of the plant including air quality, noise and odours.

Comment	M1C & M1E %
Do not build plant here	100
Too near residences	75
Truck traffic concerns	45
Quality of life concerns	30
Environmental, safety, and air quality concerns	18 - 22
Noise, odour, and health concerns	12- 15
Others	2

A complete anonymous list of the written comments received from the residents in Postal Codes M1C and M1E are listed below.

Conclusion

It is evident that the residents in the adjacent communities do not wish to have the waste processing depot and biogas plant in their neighbourhood.

We trust that the Ministry will reject this proposal, and encourage the applicant to find a more suitable site close to the 401 and away from residential neighbourhoods.

Yours sincerely,

Resident of Scarborough – Rouge Park
On behalf of the concerned residents

Petition Comments

Count	Postal Code	Comment
1	M1C	"Glad to see the community is getting involved in this fighting this monstrosity that will degrade the health, safety and quality of life of our entire neighbourhood. The organization behind the development has been working to start operations in stealth mode as if no one would notice and there's nothing anyone can do. So far political representatives have been reluctant to engage in support of constituents. My only concern with the petition is that it understates the consequences of the proposed operation to the area. The noise, pollution, health, safety and traffic issues are substantial and have not been evaluated at any level. This plan must be examined in the full light of day in the public domain and defeated or we will all pay a heavy price. It is quite clear that this operation is not appropriate for this location. My concerns also extend to the existing construction waste recycling that is ramping at the site. This operation is responsible for the increased heavy truck traffic on local streets"
2	M1C	"I am thinking of my child and the pollution and noise. And we can't forget about how it will affect the housing prices."
3	M1C	"Our neighbour hood is already a busy port to many industrial companies driving recklessly at outrageous speeds. We had to put up with an extended inconvenience of construction and smell to rehabilitate the tunnels for the water filtration system. Now on top of that we now have a huge volume of RATS in our properties, so the idea that a company will have lots of organic waste to help feed the rats in Unconscionable. The heavy traffic this plant will bring will then destroy our air quality and any sense of tranquility we have left!!!!"
4	M1C	"I don't want the traffic, pollution or waste in West Hill"
5	M1C	"There is little doubt trucking to and from this project would put the residential areas and schools surrounding this site in Jeopardy."
6	M1C	"This area is too residential to add another facility. During this lockdown, the one area that people were able to enjoy was the waterfront. Having this facility will destroy this area. We need to do projects to beautify the area vs making is worse."
7	M1C	"This area is already overrun with large trucks, which needs to be reduced as this is a residential community. Adding more trucks will be even more detrimental to our quality of life."
8	M1C	"Not wanted on our area and more trucks"
9	M1C	"I live in this area and there is no reason to have such a plant built here."
10	M1C	"This is my neighborhood!"
11	M1C	"This waste depot recovery and transfer plant needs to be located near the 400 series highways far from any residential areas. Not at the proposed site address 633 Coronation Drive which is 700 meters from homes, a school and a recreation centre!"
12	M1C	"Toxic and other wastes have no business near residential properties"

13	M1C	"We already have massive chemical plant in this area with bad history of pollution, fire,.....neighborhood safety should come first . There are many transfer site near by That can retool themselves with huge properly to be used for any needs."
14	M1C	"I live in this community and I am very concerned about the potential routes these trucks will take through high pedestrian use areas. It's simply too dangerous."
15	M1C	"Strongly opposed"
16	M1C	"I don't want toxic waste and regular waste being dumped in my neighbourhood. Not to mention the hundreds of trucks traveling up and down my neighbourhood"
17	M1C	"Not wanted in our community."
18	M1C	"Absolutely ridiculous to have more toxins In this area and 200 +heavy trucks transporting this in a residential area"
19	M1C	"We cannot have you destroying our habitat and disturbing our peace. Not to mention the health implications for the families that live here"
20	M1C	"This proposal would severely negatively affect the quality of life in this residential neighbourhood."
21	M1C	"I am against the planed plant and heavy truck traffic."
22	M1C	"We already have the waste treatment plant in this neighbourhood. We do not want more noxious smells and we don't want the tremendous truck traffic going through our residential neighbourhood especially for the safety of children."
23	M1C	"Do not agree with this being so close to a residential neighborhood and parks"
24	M1C	"Should not be in a residential neighbourhood. Roads currently can't handle the existing traffic. Would not be safe for the children going to and from several schools. My understanding is that there would be noise. This site is next to the waterfront trail. Doesn't make sense. Please find a more appropriate location!"
25	M1C	"Not in my backyard!"
26	M1C	"This will create far too much heavy truck traffic through residential streets."
27	M1C	"I love our neighborhood and would like the air quality and safety of our families to remain as untouched as possible."
28	M1C	"We made the decision on this years ago! No trucking waste through West Hill neighbourhood."
29	M1C	"Dont want it in the neighborhood"
30	M1C	"I think that transporting via Port Union is a major disruption in such a small throughway to get to the 401. We already have major traffic via Port Union to get to the GO train and 100 trucks a day would caused major delays. Morningside would be the better option."
31	M1C	"I'm signing this because I don't want this through the neighbourhood"
32	M1C	"This is way too close to residential homes!"
33	M1C	"I live in the neighbourhood; we don't need heavy trucks here."
34	M1C	"this area is too highly populated for any type of dump/waste site."

35	M1C	"The heavy industry proposed for 633 Coronation Drive that will process up to 2500 tonnes of waste each day should not be located near a residential neighbourhood. The plant will emit at least 6 toxic and greenhouse gasses including NOx, CH4, CO2, SO2, TRS particulate. I am concerned for the Health and Safety of my neighbours and myself. This processing and transfer facility should not be allowed to conduct business in our neighbourhood. We own the neighbourhood collectively and I am sure no one wants this near their home. I am against this proposal."
36	M1C	"Not appropriate for a residential community!!!!"
37	M1C	"Concern for the residents who live in the area. Not clear how the truck traffic will affect the community or the smells, spills, etc. Just all around bad idea in our community."
38	M1C	"This will cause unnecessary traffic, noise and pollution in a lovely residential area ."
39	M1E	"Enough is enough! There is already a sewage plant, chemical plants and a nuclear power plant within 10 km. This is a neighbourhood with families, schools, and expansive green spaces with stressed ecosystems. For the safety and health of thousands of residents calling this place home I implore you to end this proposal. NIMBY!!!"
40	M1E	"Our home backs on to Port Union Rd. and in the front of us we have 2 schoolyard so having that many trucks with so much pollution will definitely impact us negatively. We say no to any more truck traffic, odour, noise and harmful gas emissions."
41	M1E	"The idea of this many trucks going through a residential neighbourhood that already has a lot of trucks going through it is bad for the community. They not only bring noise, but the smell they would bring is significant. About 4 years ago we fought against a possible plan to ship sewage waste from the base of Beechgrove after the proposed closing the the sewage incinerator. It was decided at that time that having that many trucks going through the neighbourhood would be bad for the environment (both smell and noise and air pollution caused by large diesel trucks). What has changed? Nothing. It wasn't right then and it isn't right now."
42	M1E	"I am signing as I don't want our neighbourhood polluted with gases and excessive noise"
43	M1E	"I am a resident in the area at Manse Road and coronation dr. For over 18 years. We DO NOT NEED A WASTE DISPOSAL SITE. It's bad enough that we already have a Chemical plant that releases toxic's in the air."
44	M1E	"I'm. Local home owner and do not want the smell and added traffic of large trucks in the neighborhood."
45	M1E	"This is near a residential area. The the noise from this facility currently is unacceptable. Every night, when trying to sleep, we can hear a "drone/hum" like sound."
46	M1E	"This is not the place for this type of plant in a residential area and on the edge of Lake Ontario"
47	M1E	"This is an unacceptable plan that would be an enormous burden to our residential roads and community."
48	M1E	"This is a residential area"
49	M1E	"This is just too close to residential. There are many other areas that are better suited."

50	M1E	"I live in the neighborhood. I'd like to retire in the neighbourhood. There are other places this can be deposited and not in anyone's backyard. ."
51	M1E	"This is not an appropriate location with residents living so close by. Please choose a location farther away from dense residential areas."
52	M1E	"I live in the area"
53	M1E	"Please don't spoil our wonderful community!!!"
54	M1E	"I live nearby"
55	M1E	"The sewage treatment plant is more than enough waste in this area!"
56	M1E	"I don't want this in our community!"
57	M1E	"Proposed location is far too close to residential area."
58	M1E	"We don't need another dump. We definitely don't need one close to where we live."
59	M1E	"I hate the smell of garbage"
60	M1E	"There must be better places along and close to the 401 for this processing plant. In any case, no one has mentioned spillage along the truck routes as there surely will be!"
61	M1E	"This is a beautiful dense family neighbourhood. The increase in large trucks moving through this area will be dangerous since it passes multiple schools and a university where children need to walk. It is already busy enough. The potential smell will affect homeowners enjoyment of their own yards. Not to mention the potential danger to people's health in close proximity to a dense neighbourhood. Since there is already a treatment facility in the area, share the love and consider another location that isn't settled in a neighbourhood. Also in light of covid, poor taste to push this through without an opportunity for the community to be consulted."
62	M1E	"This seems poorly thoughtout and potentially damaging the health of residents In obvious ways but also by impacting their sleep and peace of mind. Furthermore, it most certainly will have a negative impact o their property values!"
63	M1E	"I am signing because this development appears severely detrimental to a residential area. The volume of trucks and waste appear to be excessive in the extreme for one site. I am concerned that insufficient care has been undertaken in reviewing this proposal and lack of community input has been solicited."
64	M1E	"We already have a problem with dump trucks on Coronation west of Morningside...even though this area is clearly marked that heavy trucks are not allowed."
65	M1E	"I do not want this in my neighbourhood, near our outdoor space, air quality, noise pollution, increased traffic, harmful to my quality of life. I'm a taxpayer and demand this plan cease immediately."
66	M1E	"The impact to our neighbourhood will be devastating. It says we must write to express any concerns is that still the best approach considering the time constraints how can we best have our voices heard. I found out about this about an hour ago"
67	M1E	"No trucking please, it's right I'm the rail try building another side loading track. Much cheaper and more efficient."
68	M1E	"It is too close to the waterfront trail, schools, parks and houses. It does not make sense in this location."

69	M1E	"We already have noise and smells from the factories around Coronation. It's not fair to add more to this area. Additional large trucks around these residential streets is a big NO."
70	M1E	"We have many children and schools in this residential neighbourhood. It is not designed for this type of activity. There is already more noise and traffic than the streets were meant to handle. Adding even more noxious smell than we already have from the water treatment plant would be too much for this small neighbourhood."
71	M1E	"Prevent environmental damage to our neighbourhood from >200 heavy trucks per day transporting waste in and out of West Hill 24/7/365, resulting in the production of significant noxious gas emissions and raising neighbourhood noise/safety concerns."
72	M1E	"We live in this area. Reject this proposal."
73	M1E	"There are schools, homes and parks in this neighborhood. The smell and the non-stop trucking is sometimes terrible. Please don't make this even worse for our neighborhood."
74	M1E	"We live in the area and are opposed to this project. As seniors we have enough physical problems and don't need these gasses in our lungs."
75	M1E	"This is a residential area and under no circumstances should this plant be located on Coronation Dr. with up to 100 trucks a day driving through our community. Not to mention the concerns over toxic biosolids."
76	M1E	"It is unthinkable to allow this type of operation in such close proximity to a residential community."
77	M1E	"It is absolutely disgraceful to locate a heavy plant such as this in a residential area. The tripling of heavy trucks, all hours of the day with noxious gasses and orders so close to schools and residential homes is simply unacceptable. There are many brown field sites already available for such an enterprise. How can this possibly be acceptable? Quite simply it is not."
78	M1E	"Are you frick'n Insane? We already have a problem with big rig trucks going up and down our "supposed" quiet streets at all hours of the night... imagine 100 more carrying organic waste?!?! The smell alone would be insane as this stupid order to have it in our neighborhood! Plz sign this petition thank you!"
79	M1E	"I am against this due my compromised breathing due to COPD"
80	M1E	"Don't want no waste company in my area! Too many trucks ruin our roads anyways! Plus not safe with all the school zones in this area! Pick an area with no homes or schools!"
81	M1E	"I really don't think this is gonna do any good than bad. This factory plant will only worsen the environment and increase global warming . Kindly prevent this from happening"
82	M1E	"I am signing because of the projected increased traffic on local streets and the impact the facility will have on the environment. Not to mention the increased amount of garbage that will end up in local wood lots and water front"

83	M1E	"I do not support the expansion of plants in this industrial park by the Scarborough bluffs. This area is already burdened with hazardous air pollutants (See the NPRI data at pollution-waste.canada.ca). It is time to phase out many of ,the ageing chemical plants that are still operating and replace them with parkland. What comes next? Converting Colonel Danforth park into a service road for this complex to handle the truck traffic?"
84	M1E	"This proposal is inappropriate for a highly residential area, with roads that were not meant for high volume traffic. The noise and fumes from so many trucks passing will be harmful to the quality of life for nearby residents. Not to mention the potential for smells!"
85	M1E	"A plant of this kind should NOT be anywhere near residential areas. There are already more then enough large loud trucks going up and down Manse and Coronation 24/7 (passing by schools and many homes)."
86	M1E	"I live down the street. No way!! We don't want that near our families near anything like this."
87	M1E	"I have lived here my entire life. My son now lives here. We love walking down to the beach at the end of the road. There is already a sewage plant there. We don't need another dump. The beautiful water and beachfront will no longer be beautiful."
88	M1E	"Supporting my awesome husband, and my neighbours to protect the health of our beautiful neighbourhood, the children, schools, parks and businesses. Thank you for supporting this petition!"
89	M1E	"I don't want this going on in my neighbourhood"
90	M1E	"I live on Satok, a residential area with kids and pets. I don't want hundreds of trucks on beechgrove day and night. There are enough carcinogens on coronation now. NO MORE."
91	M1E	"I am signing this petition because... although I know getting rid of waste is needed, I think investing in proper recycling and green disposal methods are needed instead!"
92	M1E	"We don't need that kind of traffic passing through our community."
93	M1E	"I enjoy my air quality and the nature in the area this will greatly decrease the health of locals in the air and ruin some key breeding grounds of local wildlife"
94	M1E	"I do not agree with the proposal, while Coronation Drive is industrial, all access to it is residential. Distance to the 401 is over 5 KM, and it's all residential. A better location might be close to Hwy 400 which is largely zoned industrial/commercial."
95	M1E	"Please reject this proposal. This makes little sense for this community based on these facts. Thank you"
96	M1E	"Traffic issues aside, I would also like to say that I don't want my newborn to develop and suffer from respiratory illness or to have her children, one day suffer from birth defects. There is no conclusive evidence to suggest that this would be the case; however, how could I chance it? I don't want to be driven out of our home. So thank you, all for signing."

97	M1E	"This morning, I witnessed about 20 trucks going both ways down Manse Rd. alone. I cannot fathom how congested the area where our children play and go to school will be from trucks cutting across intersecting roads to get to this new site more quickly. Even if there were only a minimal environmental impact toward our health and safety, there is the congestion in the community that needs to be addressed--our little side roads aren't suitable for large trucks."
98	M1E	"I do not consider this a safe project to have near a school or homes."
99	M1E	"As someone involved in construction, i deal with waste disposal sites on regular basis and never through my experince have i come across a waste facility that's planned to be located that close to residential area. As a resident of coronation drive, me and my family petition against the approval of this facility."