

*Addressed to Secretary Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment*

Please accept this as my **written opposition** to the proposed application Consent & Minor Variance located at 2370 Battersea Road (File Number D13-080-2024 and File Number D10-002-2024).

The proposed application for Consent & Minor Variance located at 2370 Battersea Road (File Number D13-080-2024 and File Number D10-002-2024) will **negatively** impact neighboring lots including my household located at 2314 Battersea Road. I formally **object** to the application for a minor variance to sever one parcel of land from the property located at 2370 Battersea Road. My reasons for opposing the minor variance are as follows:

1. Strict adherence to rules and regulations are fundamental to maintain order and equitable outcomes.
  - The applicant should not be granted exemption to the required minimum lot frontage as this will result in unfair and inequitable results to the neighboring lots who had to abide by the Zoning Bylaws.
2. Increased demand on water supply in neighboring lots.
  - With current climate change, there are concerns with water demand in this area. Granting this minor variance will add another residential household placing increased stress on the neighboring wells.
3. Loss of Privacy
  - By severing this residential lot, the view beyond my backyard will be invaded by yet another house. I started with a view of only forestry and now, if the minor variance is approved, the privacy of my backyard will be occupied by 2 houses (2280 Battersea Road & 2370 Battersea Road). Currently, the privacy within our bedrooms is compromised due to 2280 Battersea Road's house/driveway.
4. Devaluing Property
  - The value of a property is determined by many factors including desirability, proximity to neighboring lots, and property characteristics. Approving this minor variance will add another residential home just beyond our backyard negatively impacting the desirability of our rural property/home due to the close proximity of the neighboring lot. The property characteristics of our backyard will be significantly impacted as the construction of a home will inevitably remove the natural forestry landscape.
5. Adversely affecting rural view
  - One of the benefits of rural living is minimal housing within the surrounding area. Granting this minor variance will negatively impact the view of our backyard which is currently untouched forestry on the left side. If a residential home is built just beyond our backyard, this will ultimately lead to deforestation urbanizing our once cherished rural view.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, it is greatly appreciated.

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