

Sarah Leach

To: Holly Willford
Subject: RE: 368 Canboro Rd Ridgeville

On Jan 18, 2022, at 5:15 PM, Cynthia Best <[REDACTED]> wrote:

To The Committee of Adjustment:

We are Howard and Cyndy Best and we have resided at [REDACTED] Canboro Rd., for 37 years and we have some concerns about the proposed new build on 368 Canboro Rd.

First and foremost we are very concerned about drainage and their septic system. The back of our property is very low and water will flow to the lowest point, the new build at the back of 368 Canboro has the potential to cause the surrounding lower property to be unusable due to extra water buildup. Already, the water from Canboro Rd., runs down our driveway and through our back yard like a river, ending up in the field which is the back part of the property of 366 and 368. There is also a drainage easement that runs between 366 and 368 from a manhole along the sidewalk, we are concerned about any change in the grade where the house is constructed. To have added drainage from a septic or weeping system at the back of that property could add more water to an already saturated ground. We think that this alone would negatively impact neighbouring property. (We probably wouldn't be able to have a vegetable garden at all anymore.)

If this was just adding an additional level to the existing home we would have no objections to the variance for the side yard at this point it would be a minor variance. But, as this is a new build we don't believe the side yard falls into a minor variance INSTEAD we believe it falls into a site specific rezoning. Asking for 8M instead of 9M is minor, asking for 1.2 instead of 9 is not minor.

As we have stated, we have lived here 37 years and have enjoyed living a quiet rural life with open farmers fields and the wooded area behind being our beautiful backdrop. Having a home built in the back changes our area to being more like a subdivision and hinders our privacy. We enjoy our neighbours and our properties are not divided by fences in the back. We have a very free community setting. We have just retired and were hoping to really start enjoying our backyard space with our pool area. Instead, now we feel we will not be able to enjoy our privacy with a house in the backyard. If we had wanted homes in our backyard we would have bought in a subdivision.

We are not against anyone building on the property but we feel that the house should conform to the neighboring buildings in size and location.

Please consider our concerns as we do not believe they are MINOR in any way.

Sincerely,
Howard and Cyndy Best
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