

## Sarah Leach

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**To:** kathryn silk  
**Subject:** RE: Official objection to the proposed severance of Lot 60 on plan 719. File # B14-2024P

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**From:** kathryn silk [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2024 1:51 PM  
**To:** Sarah Leach <SLeach@pelham.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Official objection to the proposed severance of Lot 60 on plan 719. File # B14-2024P

Committee of Adjustment  
Town of Pelham  
20 Pelham Town Square  
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Dear Members of the Committee of Adjustment,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed severance of Lot 60 of plan 719 (28 Lorimer street, Pelham), located at the corner of Lorimer Street and Hurricane Road in Fonthill. As a neighbouring land owner, I have significant concerns regarding the potential impact this division will have on my property and overall quality of life.

Firstly, allowing this division will significantly compromise the characteristics of my Lot. The current layout and spacing between our properties provide a much-valued sense of privacy. Severing Lot 60 and any subsequent development will encroach upon this privacy, creating an intrusive and uncomfortable living environment.

Additionally, the proposed removal of the shed on Lot 60 to facilitate the severance will leave a large opening in the fenced yard between these two properties. This opening directly impacts my property as the shed currently serves as a critical barrier that ensures the safety and containment of my dog. Without this structure, I will face considerable stress and practical difficulties, as I will no longer be able to let my dog run loose in my yard without the fear of escape. The loss of this secure space is not just an inconvenience but a significant concern for the safety of my pet and the security of my property.

Moreover, the trees along the edge of Lot 60 provide essential shade and privacy. These trees are instrumental to my health and mental well-being, offering a peaceful environment and a natural barrier from neighboring properties. The potential removal of these trees not only threatens this tranquility but also raises serious environmental concerns. The roots of these trees hold the soil together, and their removal could lead to erosion of my property and increase the risk of flooding. This could have devastating effects on my property, creating additional maintenance issues and reducing the land's stability and usability.

Furthermore, it is important to note that part of the fence straddles the property line between the lots. I have consistently maintained the side of the property that faces my Lot. According to certain property laws, my maintenance of this side of the fence may grant me certain rights to the land. This factor should be taken into consideration when assessing the proposal for severance, as it further complicates the potential division and its impacts.

In light of these significant concerns, I strongly advise against the proposal to sever Lot 60. The changes will detrimentally affect the characteristics and livability of my Lot, impacting my privacy, safety, and overall quality of life.

I trust that the Committee will consider these objections seriously and recognize the profound implications this proposal has on my property. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn Silkiewicz