

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW
Solina Open House, June 25th 2008
Community Questions Summary

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<p>What do you enjoy about your community?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Closeness to the city but not being in it. 2. Open spaces. 3. Rural – small town feeling in Bowmanville of a community. 4. Small town atmosphere of Bowmanville. 5. The peace and quiet. 6. The variation from urban to rural. 7. Basic amenities and east access. 8. The quiet peaceful area now becoming much busier. 9. Walking to get groceries, biking to work.
<p>How has Clarington changed in the past 10 years?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More houses. 2. Too much building using good land. 3. Many new housing developments around Bowmanville. New malls threatening downtown. 4. Development. 5. The City of Oshawa is now very close. 6. More people, more traffic, especially in north end. 7. More traffic congestion. 8. Population has increased – services/roads – minimal improvements. We live on Lambs Road in Bowmanville, moved here in 1981 – absolutely no improvements. 9. Our village now has three added “subdivisions” around the historic core as is happening in other communities. 10. Far too much building of homes.

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<p>What changes would make Clarington even better?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More industries so people can work in their community. 2. Slow down housing on good farm land. 3. Not wall to wall housing – green space between. Eco friendly housing. A place to work instead of commuting. A thriving downtown. 4. Transportation improvements. Courtice Recreation Centre, fitness available in north Bowmanville. 5. Put the 407 further north. 6. A town through way or bypass (Bowmanville). Encourage more outside investment and business. 7. More shopping – why should we have to go to Oshawa or beyond. 8. To mold people and communities together – to think and work for its good. 9. Denser communities that would allow for easier access via foot and bike to amenities, but keeping the small community feel. 10. To stop building homes, at least slow down in Bowmanville area. Build east in Newcastle.
<p>What sets Clarington apart from other communities?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Small town feeling. 2. Hopeful through these meetings an opportunity to have the Official Plan project what we want in the community. Darlington OPG. 3. Recreational opportunities. 4. It used to be a nice rural community. 5. It's a clean and well governed area. 6. Beautiful countryside.

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<p>What issues need to be addressed in this Official Plan Review?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People should be compensated for greenbelt land. 2. Greenbelt problem up to the 407 – no good for family anymore. A community feeling in new developments – not just a bedroom town. A place to work as well as live. 3. Why no employment area in north end and 407 area. 4. 407 influence, removal of greenbelt restrictions from Bowmanville to 407 (directly north of Bowmanville). 5. Listen to us and not just tell us what you have decided. 6. Waterfront access – transportation (public). Long term planning for agriculture. Highway 407 needs to be well managed. 7. Policies friendly to more business development. 8. Roads, employment – not overcrowding. 9. Intensification of existing communities.