

HNS Survey #2

| Referring to the chart above, please indicate the type of development options you feel are appropriate in different areas of the historic neighbourhoods. Check all that apply. | | | | |
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| | Low Density | Medium Density | High Density | Response Count |
| Local roads - neighbourhood residential streets | 83.2% (153) | 28.8% (53) | 2.7% (5) | 184 |
| Major (arterial) roads - e.g. Dunlop St, Bayfield St, Wellington St, Anne St, Bradford St, Essa Rd, Burton Ave | 16.4% (30) | 61.2% (112) | 39.3% (72) | 183 |
| Collector roads (feeding arterial roads) - e.g. Grove St, Toronto St, Penetang St, Sophia St, Eccles St, Innisfil St, Gowan St, Bayview Dr. | 38.3% (70) | 67.8% (124) | 11.5% (21) | 183 |
| Lakeshore Drive | 23.9% (42) | 48.9% (86) | 41.5% (73) | 176 |
| Surrounding transit stations - e.g. Barrie Transit Terminal, GO Transit Station | 16.4% (30) | 56.8% (104) | 47.5% (87) | 183 |
| Primary intersections - e.g. Bayfield St & Grove St and Dunlop St & Anne St | 10.4% (19) | 66.1% (121) | 38.3% (70) | 183 |
| Downtown core - e.g. 5-Points Intersection, Dunlop St and Collier St | 13.7% (25) | 65.9% (120) | 36.8% (67) | 182 |
| Around local retail areas | 19.3% (34) | 70.5% (124) | 27.3% (48) | 176 |
| | | | Other (please specify) | 32 |
| | | | answered question | 185 |
| | | | skipped question | 51 |

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| 1 | there are enough high rises on our lake front. although the mandate for Barrie's downtown is for high density housing, we do not at this time have the downtown services to support them.. residents of high-density building go elsewhere to work and shop. | Feb 4, 2010 7:27 PM |
| 2 | Preserve waterfront views and waterfront space. No more High Density apartments. Also PLEASE preserve access to the Lake.e.g. more parks along waterfront. | Feb 4, 2010 9:17 PM |

| Other (please specify) | | |
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| 3 | historic elements in older neighbourhoods need to blend with the more modern. i am sure you can have environmentally viable storefronts and living spaces that do not over power the older historical places around it. | Feb 5, 2010 8:11 PM |
| 4 | I did not move to this area to see urban intensification in the area, some small developement along the main roads, this does not include the area of Burton Street where there are family homes, is ok, but I would not want to see much more than that. If there is top much development and intensification we would most likely move. | Feb 5, 2010 10:03 PM |
| 5 | We need to seriously consider back lots and infilling. Many of these older homes are tiny (like ours) at under 1000 sq. ft. In Toronto and Vancouver there has been much downtown revitalization with allowing back lot infill - putting secondary homes such as granny flats, converting garages and allowing legal duplex additions. It makes the homes more affordable, increases the tax base and meets a need for affordable housing. Our personal land could sustain at least two more seniors or singles who are currently under-housed or living in poor conditions. Our mid-town location is a good fit for many seniors as they really like this neighbourhood. The additional rental income would allow my husband and I - in retirement - to remain in our home as well, so we see it as a win-win-win situation. | Feb 6, 2010 2:04 PM |
| 6 | Please clean up the area from Central High School down ro 4 corners,,, to many waterpipe stores and questionable buildings that bring out questionable activities. It is like day and night one have of Dunlop thoughtfully done and on the most part tastefully then it is like getto dunlop to bad as we have beautiful high raises on lakeshore but nobody walks up Toronto much to shop... it is obvious why... we are the forgotten area though we have direct access to lake down toronto to walk way interesting!!just scary to walk it.. pit more lights up,,get the owners of the low rentals to clean up their acts, close down the buildings as I am sure they are not passing all codes. Fix up all areas not just the farther end of dunlop towards shanty bay. | Feb 7, 2010 12:51 PM |
| 7 | consider a major development at the 5 points intersection linking all the properties with overhead walkways. close the intersection to vehicle traffic [pedestrians only]. try to squeeze out most of the bars downtown to help alleviate the problems police have at closing. possibly create neighbourhood watering holes instead. | Feb 8, 2010 11:14 AM |
| 8 | In addition, appropriate development should consider design standards and the development should enhance the neighbourhood's identity | Feb 10, 2010 2:33 PM |

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| 9 | I agree with the need for intensification along major roads like Essa, but I do not agree with compromising the historic neighbourhoods and turning them into areas that are on the whole comprised of commercial and rental units. If the downtown is an example of what Allandale is striving for, I am not in favour. Most of the downtown along Collier and Mary has been taken over by lawyers offices, trashy rental units and as a result is not a community of historic homes anymore, but simply somewhere where no one wants to live - or can live, now that most of the homes have been rennovated into offices. Intensification in Allandale's historic residential area will help it, it will erode it into something that is not special or unique. By allowing more rental units, it will only encourage the destruction of the older homes - it is not the renters that poor money into restoring the older homes, it is home owners and single family dwellings. The intensificataion should not be about converting any of the old homes, but rather looking at spaces around the neighbourhood that can be altered (i.e. Essa and Bradford). I know it may be hard to imagine, but some people actually like living in older homes and appreciate what an older neighbourhood used to be. What I am confused about, is if we are wanting intensification and diverse use of space, why did King Edward close? Why did we close the Dunlop arena? Why are two other older schools in jeopardy of being closed in the downtown? The answer isn't putting more rental units in an area that is already forgotten and destroyed. The answer is in giving it a rebirth; a new identity, and making it matter to people! If the City won't take a lead on this, who is going to set an example for people to follow? The City's total disregard for Essa for example - allowing massage parlours, broken signs, garbage to collect - this is what people see and how they react. If the City doesn't care, why should they? | Feb 16, 2010 3:12 PM |
| 10 | Increased density is a positive thing--but it must be done with sensitivity to the surrounding area. Don't overpower--complement existing heritage areas with appropriate scale and facades, and add high density where it won't overpower ie along Essa, s/w of Innisfil. | Feb 16, 2010 8:10 PM |
| 11 | Make walking from historic neighbourhoods to the downtown core easy and accessible | Feb 16, 2010 8:13 PM |
| 12 | stop building highrises in barrie we do not want to be like toronto,new york or anyother major city all that does is create more crime. then we have to get more police, fireman,and etc. which then puts up our taxes. | Feb 17, 2010 12:27 AM |
| 13 | unlike our current policy to allow high density near Lake Simcoe, the city should be encouraged to keep a minimum distance from the lake as near to zero growth as possible and severely restrict height limits and density increases. Large high rise complexes may become unavoidable, but every attempt to replace single family units with high density should only be allowed on major arterial roadways, away from the downtown and historic areas. Such development should be required to have buffer areas between them and other areas. | Feb 18, 2010 1:59 AM |
| 14 | I found it difficult to choose for 'Around local retail areas', since local retail areas are almost non-existent in the historic neighbourhoods. Local retail is certainly something I would like to see more of. I live on Clapperton between Grove and Wellington, and I would love to have some real local retail on Bayfield. Green Grocers, small supermarkets, pharmacies, clothing stores, etc., all within walking distance. | Feb 18, 2010 2:07 AM |
| 15 | There are pockets of neighbourhoods very close to the Downtown core that need protection otherwise downtown will have no personaility - these include the top of Mary st., Maple St., Dalton St. Clapperton St and the surrounding area. Queens Park - these areas should not be over developed Vacant lot between Collier St and Dunlop St should be a beautiful condo with businesses below. | Feb 18, 2010 8:57 PM |
| 16 | The 5-points needs a proper performing arts centre | Feb 18, 2010 9:06 PM |

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| 17 | <p>Some time ago, the city of Barrie was planning for the area west of the lakeshore. But it never followed thru. The plan was at that time was for low density from the lakeshore to Bradford St.</p> <p>Medium density from Bradford St west to Innisfil St.</p> <p>High density from Innisfil St west to Anne St. and Industrial beyond.</p> | Feb 19, 2010 10:27 PM |
| 18 | Strive for diversity in each area offering a mix of the above housing | Feb 22, 2010 2:14 PM |
| 19 | Empty lots should be developed to suit other housing in the area | Feb 22, 2010 2:20 PM |
| 20 | <p>There is only one shoreline, and should be preserved for recreation and relaxation for all levels of residents. NO excessive commercial development in the immediate area.</p> <p>Parking has to be a major consideration as does traffic flow.</p> <p>Retail requires a high volume of consumers so possibly a mix of densities would be a good concept to go with if Dunlop Street is to remain as a retail area.</p> | Feb 22, 2010 7:22 PM |
| 21 | There already are high density units in the downtown core but we don't want a wall of condos ringing the bay. We have enough already. High density units could be built well back of the bay and still have great views. | Feb 22, 2010 7:37 PM |
| 22 | <p>Bradford St could use low, med and high density depending where on the street. There are many lovely older homes that should not be over shadowed by high density sitting right next door for instance.</p> <p>Burton Ave between Milburn and Essa is residential and should remain low density.</p> <p>Essa between Anne and Tiffin is mainly older Allandale and it would be nice to keep those low rise buildings but have the facades of those building look more alike and in keeping with the Heritage flavor.</p> <p>Lakeshore Dr currently with the additional condos already approved have enough high density buildings. Lakeshore between Tiffin and Minets should remain low density to fit into existing neighbourhood and Train Station as to not over shadow the heritage station site.</p> <p>Need to ensure watershed views are protected</p> | Feb 24, 2010 4:31 PM |
| 23 | Keep high density on outer rim as traffic in Barrie is gradually getting heavier and it is no longer a pleasure to drive in town | Feb 25, 2010 6:35 PM |
| 24 | <p>As I said before, homes in an historical area should be well maintained and maintained in keeping with the truly historical nature of the area. We have seen areas in American towns where historical homes are all beautifully maintained. It is not pleasant living right next door to a century home that is in a deplorable state of repair with leaky roof, pieces of trim falling off the house, unpainted, shabby additions and is rented out by a greedy landlord who does nothing to repair it. Even leaving it to the tenants to cut the grass, plant flowers, maintain the outside areas such as porch. Can anything be done to force these absentee landlords to properly maintain their property in an historical neighbourhood that deserves better?</p> <p>We attended the meeting at the art gallery and were disappointed that much of the time was taken up with issues such as drug stores, social services, bad behaviour in the downtown section, paths to the waterfront, while nothing was said about the mission of preserving an historical neighbourhood.</p> <p>We look forward to the next meeting and discussing these issues more relevant to preserving an historical neighbourhood.</p> | Feb 26, 2010 4:49 PM |

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| 25 | <p>I am concerned at the designation of Burton Avenue as a major arterial road. Unlike the other designated roads, Burton is heritage residential in the three-four blocks closest to Essa Road. Densifying this section of Burton and/or changing its zoning would destroy its ambiance of heritage brick houses. This flies in the face of the idea of preserving heritage neighbourhoods, and must not happen!</p> <p>View planes in the Allandale neighbourhood include Kempenfelt Bay. This would be lost if high rise condo development were to continue southward, especially around the area of the projected GO station. Medium density at most should be planned for this area.</p> | Feb 26, 2010 6:07 PM |
| 26 | we have too many shops already. | Feb 27, 2010 1:49 PM |
| 27 | Affordability should be your main target. If a high density building is used to assist our problem social conditions, then great. However I lived in the marina bay building with my 85 year old alzheimer's stricken mom for 8 years, no problems. My mom died in 2007 in December. Next December my sister who owned the condo we had rented from her decided immediately on the 1st anniversary of my mom's death that I would require a new place to live. So now on Wellington street west. I thought they had gone broke, so I accepted the short notice in good faith. That was not the reason she wanted to be out of that nice building. They purposefully rented it out to others for the purpose of running a crack-house out of it. They got caught. Rich clientele use condos wrongly too. | Mar 2, 2010 2:01 PM |
| 28 | No more high density along Lakeshore Drive | Mar 2, 2010 2:06 PM |
| 29 | I am not in favour of high density in Barrie. I moved here to get away from a chrome and glass jungle. | Mar 2, 2010 2:17 PM |
| 30 | Most areas are what they made themselves. Other like arterials in and out of the '400' to the malls are busy as highways. | Mar 2, 2010 6:54 PM |
| 31 | Stop the evening shadowing of the beach and marina areas. The high rises are a terrible outcome. | Mar 3, 2010 3:47 PM |
| 32 | No more development on the Lakeshore | Mar 3, 2010 3:52 PM |