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Mayor Black & Members of Council
Township of King
2075 King Road
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BY EMAIL, HARD COPY TO FOLLOW BY MAIL

RE: File#OP-2008-02 and Z-2008-09 and File#OP-2008-03 and Z-2008-10

Dear Mayor Black & Members of Council,

We are writing to express the concerns of the Ontario Greenbelt Alliance regarding the application by Northland Power to build a power plant in King Township. Specifically, we are extremely concerned that this proposal will occur within the designated areas of the Greenbelt, resulting in a loss of land within this globally recognized natural heritage feature and that this new infrastructure is not consistent with the vision of the Greenbelt.

With over 80 member organizations throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Ontario Greenbelt Alliance has been a strong catalyst for creating, implementing and maintaining a robust and effective Greenbelt in southern Ontario. The Ontario Greenbelt Alliance strongly supports maintaining the goal of the Greenbelt to protect critical natural areas.

As the number of health problems and fatalities due to poor air quality rises, the incidence of contaminated water sources increases, and the wellbeing of Ontario's farmlands, wetlands and forests dwindles, it becomes increasingly clear that the Greenbelt is essential for ensuring healthy cities, healthy people and a healthy environment. We are concerned that about the threats to agricultural production of the surrounding area. We are also concerned that not all options have been considered with regards to energy alternatives. A recent report by the Ontario Clean Air Alliance notes that Ontario's peak demand for electricity fell by 6% during this past summer compared to the summer of 2007. Energy conservation has not reached its full potential and could offset the need for investments into new generation.

The Ontario Greenbelt Alliance respectfully requests that you refrain from any changes to the zoning or Official Plan of King Township or any other official accommodation in connection with an application.

Maintaining the integrity of the Golden Horseshoe Greenbelt is essential for protecting valuable green space, ensuring healthy communities, and achieving sustainable growth in southern Ontario. As such, Ontario's greenbelt is no place for a power plant.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rick Smith', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rick Smith, Ph. D.
Executive Director, Environmental Defence
On behalf of the Ontario Greenbelt Alliance