

4.0 Adverse Unavoidable Significant Environmental Impacts if Project is Implemented

Development of the Stoneleigh Woods @ New Paltz site will have some impacts which cannot be avoided. These impacts will occur regardless of the development alternative chosen, and the relative magnitude of these impacts is discussed throughout Section 3.0. This section lists those unavoidable impacts, some of which are short term impacts associated with the construction phase of the project, and some of which are long term impacts associated with the ultimate habitation and use of the site.

Short Term Impacts

- Regrading of the site for roads, utilities, houses and amenities will involve clearing, earth moving and potentially rock blasting.
- Disturbance to wetlands and stream courses for road and utility crossings within the site.
- Increase in traffic in the project vicinity as a result of the construction phase.
- Increased ambient noise levels due to construction activities.

Long Term Impacts

- Loss of wildlife habitat associated with a decrease in vegetation.
- An increase in impervious surface on the site associated with the loss of vegetation land cover.
- Change in visual conditions looking into the site.
- Increased traffic in the project vicinity.
- Increased demands on the emergency services (Police, Fire, Ambulance, Emergency Medical services) in the Village.
- Additional school children within the New Paltz Central School District
- Additional water and sewage demands.
- Additional solid waste generation.