

# Questions Based on the Excerpts from the Town of Ajax Official Plan

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A municipality's Official Plan is a large and complex document that is essential to the development of that area (Ajax's Official Plan is 99 pages in length!). In order to give you a background to your own community and official plans in general, thoroughly read through the sheets entitled "Excerpts from the Town of Ajax Official Plan" and answer the following questions in your notebook.

1. What was the Town of Ajax named after?
2. What was the reason for the creation of the Town? (i.e. what first drew people to the area?)
3. When did Durham Region come into existence?
4. How big is Ajax?
5. How many people live in Ajax?
6. What is the population density of Ajax? (N.B. density equals population divided by area and is measured in people per square kilometre)
7. What is the provincial legislation that outlines the requirements of an Official Plan?
8. Whose Official Plan "outranks" Ajax's Official Plan?
9. How many people are expected to live in Ajax by 2021?
10. What is being compiled each year to ensure that there is enough new home construction going on in Ajax?
11. What percentage of people in Ajax live in the rural area?
12. What is the geographical distribution of the current employment areas versus the future employment areas in Ajax?
13. What is being compiled each year to ensure that there are enough new jobs being created in Ajax?
14. Write a sentence or two in your own words which describes the purpose of the Town's Official Plan.
15. In what area are the 50 000 new residents of Ajax to be located?
16. Rank order the nine principles of the Ajax Official Plan and explain, in a paragraph, why you have chosen to rank them in this order.
17. What are some of key phrases that describe the intentions of the Town in terms of development?
18. Provide specific examples of each type of land use that exists in Ajax.
19. Describe Ajax's general land use patterns in the form of a one page letter that you are writing to a friend who has never been to the Greater Toronto Area before.
20. How would you rate Ajax's land use layout compared to other suburban communities of the Greater Toronto Area? Why?