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Vaughan Council,

Please attach this as my communication for [Agenda Item 16](#).

I am grateful to see that Vaughan staff are taking increased action, enforcement to deal with illegal land uses in the northern area of Vaughan on lands zoned agricultural, much of which I suspect is located in the Greenbelt Area (this includes area within Vaughan designated by the Greenbelt Act and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act). Support from provincial Ministries is paramount if we are to protect, conserve and preserve these areas not only for agricultural but also the natural heritage system, which is a component of the agricultural system and the agricultural land use designation provides this protection by limiting development in these areas.

I would like to express my extreme concern with a motion put forward by Regional Councillor Jackson that was seconded by the Mayor at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April Tuesday April 9, 2024 regarding [141 Malloy Street](#). Unfortunately, it was brought forward as a new business and is not documented anywhere and can only be found by viewing the [video](#) starting around the 26m mark. Regional Councillor Jackson sought to give direction to proceed with a staff report regarding permitted temporary uses on the Oak Ridges Moraine designated natural linkage. The use is clearly not in conformity with the ORMCA as identified by staff at the public meeting in Sept, 2022.

- The proposed temporary outside storage of 817 motor vehicles, including the temporary preparation and inspection of new motor vehicles as an accessory use is not a permitted use within the Natural Linkage Area designation in VOP 2010.
- The *Planning Act*, requires that all planning decisions conform to Provincial Policies, including the policies of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. The proposed temporary use for the Subject Lands is not permitted by the VOP 2010. However, Policy 10.1.2.4 of the VOP provides that Zoning By-laws may allow the temporary use of land, building or structures provided the temporary uses meet 4 conditions.

This motion completely undermines staff efforts to bring about compliance in this area of Vaughan and undermines the purpose and intent of the Greenbelt and legislation such as the ORMCA. It is difficult to comprehend how any politician or professional could accept the premise that permitting a temporary use zoning bylaw for a parking that would facilitate the storage of 841 vehicles 'temporarily' is compliant with the ORMCA, legislation that supersedes Official Plans and zoning by-laws and is silent on approval of temporary zoning bylaws.

I hope Vaughan Council in their wisdom will see past the economic benefits vaguely cited and uphold

protection of the natural heritage system; paramount in a Climate Crisis and Biodiversity Crisis. The development pressures are and will continue to be insurmountable, Council and staff must remain diligent to ensure that decisions do not facilitate the paving, alteration of natural areas protected by multiple pieces of legislation and policies. To facilitate such decisions undermines numerous other policies and goals set by Council and enforcement action taken by staff to bring about compliance and conformity with planning legislation.

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Regards,
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