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Subject: [External] Opposition to rezoning proposal @ 80 Glen Shields Avenue

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The community of Glen shields is a pillar of Vaughan. One of the oldest residential and original neighbourhoods in the area. The Property known as 80 Glen Shields has served this beautiful community for over 3 decades. My family and I have lived in Glen Shields for over 40 years all the while raising a family with the support of these small businesses known as the Glen Shields Plaza. I absolutely Oppose the rezoning application made for the second time by the owner known as 1494096 Ontario Inc. (original application was denied in 2017 in a different location)

The effects of a 7 and 9 story building in such a small residential neighbourhood would absolutely destroy the community. The Proposal of a large building inclusive of 200+ parking units in a community with two elementary schools within walking distance; where as more than half of this neighbourhood is a school zone would mean 200 more cars causing unfathomable amounts of traffic for the community. It would create an absolutely unsafe environment for children heading to and from school. The original community and urban planning of this development was not set up for any further uptake in traffic. The backlog of cars during morning and afternoon rush hour would be endless. The current zoning of the two schools already faces many traffic issues during peak times. What is most important here is keeping our children safe.

Furthermore, Glen Shields Park offers many wonderful amenities that allows for residents to have direct access to outdoor facilities for families and children. The park is home to some of the oldest willow trees in the surrounding area, wildlife, streams and a pond. It is quite a delicate ecosystem; of which an increase in population, pollution from traffic, noise pollution and years of construction pollution would destroy.

This community can not support 9 story condominiums. The community of Glen Shields will continue to oppose this development until the bitter end. There are over 800 signatures already on a petition circulating the neighborhood with more to come in the coming days and weeks. This development will not ever be welcomed and this strong community will continue to band together to put a stop once and for all to this shameful, capitalist venture destroying small communities, small businesses and the families that have lived and worked here for generations.

Support small businesses, support communities, support families!

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