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Dear Mayor, Councillors, and City Planners,

As I look through the notes that my friends and neighbors have sent regarding this proposal, one particular question comes to mind that I would like to ask of you:

What makes Portside Developments so special?

I can't think of a commercial development along Islington avenue in historic Kleinburg that is three stories. As I walk through our historic village, I see one, two, and some 2.5 storey structures... but no three storey structures. Yet I hear our city council is poised to approve this three storey proposal, which would require a height variance, which amounts to special approval. What makes Portside Developments so special?

Over the last few years, I have attended a number of meetings at the city of Vaughan where members of this council have enthusiastically stood up for the protection of trees. My understanding is that this proposal calls for cutting down 56 trees, many of which are mature. That sounds like a lot. Looking at the drawings, I don't see how these will be replaced, which the code requires. Yet city council seems to stand behind this proposal. What makes Portside Developments so special?

Lastly, especially when your neighbor is morphing **from a single family dwelling to a domineering commercial structure including an additional 16 residential units**, one would hope to have as much physical separation as possible, and at least the full setback distance that the building code dictates. Yet this plan ignores those setback distances, being closer to property lines than the code allows. This plan requires special approval in the form of a variance. What makes Portside Developments so special?

Portside Developments is not special. I hope decisions are not made to treat them as such. Adding Development to Kleinburg is a great thing and, when done well, we will all benefit. However, development should not mean breaking rules that govern how our village grows. I ask that our Mayor, our Councillors, and the city planners side with the neighbors, promote growth within the rules, and develop our very special... and finite... resource that is Kleinburg

village, in a responsible way.

Sincerely,

Chris Adamkowski

PS. Also to note. This objection does not technically break a rule... however, I also find the placement of the garbage collection for the 16 (!) residential units that are being proposed, at the point closest to the existing residential neighbors, to be in particularly poor taste.

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