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RE: FRANLINE INVESTMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.22.013
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.22.024 - 4130 KING-VAUGHAN ROAD VICINITY OF
KING-VAUGHAN ROAD AND PINE VALLEY DRIVE

I live at [REDACTED] Cold Creek Rd, Kleinburg, ON. On September 13th I presented a deputation to the Committee of the Whole on the matter of illegal truck yards. A staff report in response to the points in the deputation is expected for the December 6, 2022 meeting.

My neighbours and I are opposed to the granting of the requested zoning amendment as the aggregate storage and trucking business produces truck traffic, noise, dirt and dust pollution that negatively impacts the quality of life and property value of its neighbours. We also know that the movement of aggregate is important to the development and expansion of illegal truckyards in Vaughan.

The enforcement history for this and similar unlicensed commercial operations on agricultural lands shows that fines are inadequate and are viewed as a cost of business. To be commercially viable, cash crop farming requires a minimum of 3000 acres in reasonable proximity. We respectfully suggest that the City of Vaughan has a responsibility to ensure that food crops are produced on its agricultural lands and to take all necessary measures to protect such lands from incremental loss to commercial uses. Failure to do so will result in a future tipping point at which time commercial farming is no longer viable and Vaughan does not contribute to Canada's food needs. This result would represent shortsighted governance and will be irreversible.

Furthermore, approving these types of businesses on agricultural lands is unfair to operators who comply with Vaughan's zoning and encourages the current proliferation of non-compliant trucking and aggregate businesses.

Sincerely
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