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From: <u>Clerks@vaughan.ca</u>
To: <u>Jacquelyn Gillis</u>

Subject: FW: [External] Proposed Development at Weston Road and Highway 7

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From: Rosanna DeFrancesca < Rosanna. DeFrancesca @vaughan.ca>

Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 1:55 PM

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From: Anna Tomaino

Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 10:28 AM

To: Rosanna DeFrancesca < Rosanna. DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>

Subject: [External] Proposed Development at Weston Road and Highway 7

Hello Rosanna,

I have written to you in the past regarding the proposed development in the Highway 7 and Ansley Grove area of Woodbridge. This correspondence is to address my concerns regarding the public notice communication sent to residents for the proposed Weston Road and Highway 7 project. In response to your recent email for community comments, I provide the following.

As a long time Woodbridge resident, I am disappointed in the development pace that has taken place in recent years and the ongoing proposals that are put forward for continued expansion. The public notice to residents seems to be in name only with no real concern to take resident voices into consideration. The appearance is that these developments are proceeding and will continue to proceed regardless of what the community concerns are.

Issues raised in the past continue to be problematic today and they will continue to escalate into the future.

Congestion is a reality and there has been no progress to alleviate this issue. Increased growth will only add to this problem. I still find it ludicrous that past statements made in public information sessions about moving towards pedestrian traffic and bicycle traffic is the solution for Woodbridge residents. It is stressful today to travel within Woodbridge. So how terrible will it be in the future to travel with the explosive growth presented in the Weston Road and Highway 7 plan?

- The public perception is that our crime rate has escalated with the growth. This new mega project will just add to the crime rate and put the residents of Woodbridge at continued risk.
- Investor versus lease/rental realities is something that is rarely discussed. How many of the new condo developments that have gone up already have the owner of the condo actually living in the unit? Information is already available from people that live in some of these condo developments that there is a considerable amount of rent/lease inhabitants and with that, the respect to the property is sacrificed. Without respect, individual developments will falter. One condo resident laments how people are throwing garbage over the balconies into the courtyards. Does this make our city proud?

The public notice document states "To ensure Vaughan continues to be a great place to live, work and play, our city must grow in ways that are smart and any change must meet the needs and values of current and future residents and businesses". I doubt that residents of Woodbridge believe that this proposed development will in good faith satisfy this statement.

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Thank you,

Anna Tomaino