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From: Alex L <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 9:01 AM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
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Dear York Region City Council and City Planner,

My name is Alex Londono and I am writing to strongly advise against moving forward with the building project that plans to replace the current commercial area with dozens of new buildings.

I have several concerns about the impact of adding so many buildings to this area, both for the community and for the environment. Below are some of the reasons why I believe this project should not go forward:

Increased traffic and congestion: The addition of so many new buildings is likely to significantly increase traffic in the area, leading to congestion and potentially dangerous conditions for pedestrians and drivers alike. Congestion has already hit levels of dysfunction that rival downtown Toronto intersections.

Overcrowding and loss of open space: The influx of so many new residents and businesses could lead to overcrowding and a loss of open space and green areas, which are essential for the health and well-being of the community.

Negative environmental impacts: The construction and operation of so many new buildings would have a significant impact on the environment, including increased greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and strain on natural resources such as water and energy. In addition, the construction and increased human activity is disrupting the migratory patterns of geese and other wildlife that may fly through the area. The loss of these scarce nesting grounds, which are already rare and difficult for geese to access, could have serious consequences for the overall health and well-being of these species.

Loss of small businesses and community character: The current commercial area likely includes a number of small, locally-owned businesses that contribute to the character and uniqueness of the community. These businesses may be unable to compete with the new development and could be driven out, leading to a loss of diversity and community identity.

I urge you to consider these negative consequences and to carefully weigh the potential benefits of the building project against the potential costs to the community and the environment. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Alex Londono