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To: [Jacquelyn Gillis](mailto:Jacquelyn.Gillis)
Subject: FW: [External] Revised - please disregard previous email Oppose - Z.22.036/OP. 22.016 - Condominium Wigwoss & Hwy 7
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From: Cheryl Chiappetta <[REDACTED]>
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To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Revised - please disregard previous email Oppose - Z.22.036/OP. 22.016 - Condominium Wigwoss & Hwy 7

Hi there,

Please use this revised copy & disregard previous email sent earlier this evening.
If you can also confirm receipt of my email I would greatly appreciate.

re: Z.22.036/OP.22.016

My husband and I are strongly opposed to the plans for the condominium at Wigwoss & Highway 7.

In 2016 we lived in a large home in Thornhill. After living there eight years we came to realize that although we loved our home; it was located on a street that grew busier by the year. Why did it grow busier by the year? Because condo after condo was built at the end of our street near Bathurst after we moved in. It became a throughway shortcut for traffic between Dufferin & Bathurst Street. During rush hour it sometimes took 10 - 15 minutes just to get out of our driveway. In addition the ongoing flow of traffic was a huge safety hazard for the people that enjoyed walking in the neighbourhood. Sadly, the amount traffic passing through had literally destroyed our street. Although we thought this would be our final home, the traffic issue led us to our decision to move and we began looking for a new and quieter neighbourhood.

Noting this would likely be our final move, not just any area would do, it had to be perfect!

We saw house after house in various areas before stumbling across the small community of Seneca Heights.

We were instantly drawn to the beautiful characteristics of this quiet community with its mature tree's, large lots and unique homes.

At this point, we had no interest in looking elsewhere, we were determined to make Seneca Heights our home.

We were thrilled when [REDACTED] Tayok Drive became available. Although the home itself was too small for us and in need of much work, it was a beautiful large property surrounded by nature. After reviewing our options, we decided to invest in a rebuild. Between the original purchase and costs associated with the build, we spent much more than we had anticipated however we were confident this community would not only hold it's monetary value, but hold its many beautiful characteristics for years to come in a quiet and safe neighbourhood.

But here we are again, a beautiful new neighbourhood for us with the City willing to sacrifice our safety and well being.

Not only does this Condo at Highway 7 & Wigwoss create an invasion of privacy to the homes close by with a condo towering over their property, is a safety risk for everyone in the neighbourhood. The City of Vaughan is well aware of the traffic issue that already exists with a ridiculous amount of cars that cut through our neighbourhood from Highway 7 to Islington. It is already dangerous for anyone who walks

alongside this traffic, specifically the stretch from Wigwoss to Monsheen where there are no sidewalks. Building this condo is just going to exacerbate the traffic situation by adding additional cars that will be cutting through our neighbourhood further jeopardizing our safety.

In addition to this, the proposal seems to fall short when it comes to parking spots for the condominium units. This poses another safety issue which will leave tenants and their visitors parking on our neighbouring streets coming and going all day long.

This is not acceptable for our neighbourhood. The city of Vaughan should appreciate what we have in the beautiful neighbourhood, work to preserve it and keep residents safe.

Condominiums do not belong in our neighbourhood.

Thank you,
Cheryl & Sam Chiappetta