

COMMUNICATION – C27
ITEM 3
Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting)
May 4, 2021

From: Reema Awal [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 9:46 AM
To: DeFrancesca, Rosanna <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>; Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] 10131 Weston Road (Stop the high-rise please)

Good Morning Rosanna,

I am writing this mail in regards to the proposal submitted by Ozner Corporation who has proposed to build apartment buildings at Retreat Boulevard and Weston Road. I am writing this message to request you to please stop this development. I am not sure about how do other residents of the area feel about this development however, I am totally against this project and I strongly feel it will have a negative impact on the residents of this neighbourhood in many ways as listed below;

1. My biggest worry is more traffic will affect our **mental and physical health**. Apart from noise pollution, traffic is a big source of nitrogen dioxide, ultrafine particles and black carbon near roads — all of which have been associated with **adverse health outcomes** like asthma, birth and developmental concerns, cancer, and cardiovascular and respiratory mortality.
2. Secondly, there will be a **rise in parking issues**. The residents of the proposed buildings will use Retreat Boulevard to park their own and their visitors' vehicles. This will take away our parking spots on the street. I have seen in GTA areas that the neighbourhoods which have buildings close to their community, streets are used for the parking by the visitors of the residents, especially on the weekend as apartment buildings have restricted parking lots and hours.
3. In addition, highrise buildings will **take away sunlight and intrude on our privacy**. When I booked my house with Lormel Builders in May 2010, we were told that there will be a plaza on that land where now buildings are proposed. My decision to buy the house on Retreat Blvd was based on the information provided to me by Lormel Builders regarding the surroundings of my house. If I had known that there are buildings on this street then my choice of street or area would have been different. At present, I feel I was misinformed.
4. Lastly, the current **infrastructure such as schools, parks and community centre** has been developed to meet the needs of current residents. I wonder how will this accommodate the needs of 379 more households. It is not fair to the residing people who bought the housekeeping the existing environment and aesthetics of the community in mind. It is also not fair to the people who will come in these apartments who will face these challenges.

Due to the reasons listed above, I request you to please consider these concerns and **stop the development of the buildings** in our neighbourhood. I will also attend the meeting scheduled on Tuesday, May 4th at 7 p.m. to share my concerns and feedback

Once again, thanks for your consideration in advance.

Warm Regards,

Reema Awal