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Subject: FW: [External] Written submission re official plan amendment file OP.23.001 and zoning by-law amendment file Z.23.002
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to the Notice of Public Meeting, scheduled to take place on May 2, 2023, and in regards to the official plan amendment file OP.23.001 and zoning by-law amendment file Z.23.002, I would like to vocalize my opposition to the application to re-designate and rezone the subject lands to a development of residential buildings.

The community surrounding this land is full of residential homes, parks and schools where my children go to. I have three main concerns. One is that this development will cause a tremendous amount of dust, debris, pollution and noise. Its proximity to the residential homes is bound to effect residents. Many people work from home, and the amount of noise this will cause will be incredibly disturbing. Our children play outside and need to inhale the pollution this construction will cause, which can ultimately trigger asthma/respiratory problems and cause other disease.

Secondly, the amount of traffic this construction and development will cause, will simply not be able to be managed in this area. The intersection of Rutherford and Sweetriver Blvd is already unbearable. The combination of traffic from local residents, Highway 400 and Vaughn Mills Mall, has already put this area at an unbearable capacity. During summer times, there is the added traffic of accessing Wonderland from Rutherford. I cannot imagine how adding traffic from construction for years to come, let alone traffic from the so many residents this development will bring can ever be managed. This intersection is already being blocked by vehicles trying to pass a green a light and this can ultimately endanger others and prevent first respondents from getting to where they need. The City of Vaughn needs to find ways to alleviate the brutal traffic that currently exists in that intersection, and not add to it with this development.

Lastly, this is a suburb. While there is a mall on the other side of Rutherford, emphasis is to be made on the fact that it is on the other side, and as such, somewhat distant from our housing community. As previously stated, the proximity of the proposed development is too near, to our homes, parks, schools. Visually its takes away from the suburb appeal. It brings too much chaos to a suburb, and I do not believe it belongs in our community.

I understand the need for development, I understand Vaughan needs to continue to grow, however, I don't believe this should come at the expense of the current community residents. This will ultimately affect my enjoyment of MY community, where I chose to purchase a home and build my family. This does in fact make me consider relocating.

It is indicated on his profile that one of the Mayor Steven Del Duca's priority is to build "more housing while respecting both existing neighborhoods and our community's need for green space". Let me point out that this plan does none of that, and the fact that its consideration is even being entertained is not respecting the existing neighborhood. I truly hope the committee bears in mind nothing but the best interest of current residents and does not approve it.

Yours truly,

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