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I would like my comments shared with the Council on the proposed amendments.

The current proposals would see the creation of 3,013 residential units. Based on the last census, this would equate to approximately 9,642 incremental people in the area (based on 3.2 avg per household) but more importantly will add approximately 4,520 vehicles to the area!

It is the latter that is of tremendous concern to me. The area is already incredibly congested. Major Mackenzie and Weston are an absolute nightmare during rush hours and this will get far worse as the majority of Woodbridge residents seem to drive versus transit. The car pool lanes appear to do nothing to reduce the congestion and traffic lights do not appear to be able to keep up - especially around the lights going into and emptying from the large plazas along Major Mackenzie between Weston and Melville. There is often gridlock in these intersections.

Expanding Major Mackenzie, Rutherford and Weston Rd does not seem feasible but if we are going to add this number of people and vehicles to the area there must be a plan to accommodate them - can't just throw them up and hope for the best. We are already experiencing the worst.

I am not a traffic planner so don't have a lot of suggestions but maybe we could look at widening these key routes, possibly reversing lanes during rush hours to increase lanes during peak periods and limiting the number of parking spots available in these new buildings to reduce the average numbers of cars per household. Regardless, I do not think we have the infrastructure (schools, parking, grocery stores, retailers) to support another 10K people in one of the already busiest areas of Woodbridge.

Thank you

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