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Good Morning Mr. Mayor, councillors and clerks,

I am a resident of Vaughan residing at
[REDACTED] Ner Israel Drive
Thornhill ON [REDACTED]

I am reaching out to you today to express my dismay and concerns about the development application submitted for the lands located at 8940 Bathurst Street.

This application is completely inappropriate in size and scope.

I have concerns with the density being proposed for a number of reasons.

1. Traffic: there is no dedicated traffic light for entry and exit and the traffic in the neighborhood is already very congested and the streets are narrow, most have no sidewalks and are dangerous for our children and residents to walk on as cars speed through using the streets as cut through to the neighborhoods to our north, east, west and south. The traffic is so bad that a young girl needlessly lost her life near our community Center last fall. This is the current situation without taking into consideration the re-zoning of the Richmond Hill Country Club lands for the trundle development across the street from the subject and the approval of the Jaffari Center development application directly north of this property.
2. Services: I am concerned that there will not be sufficient water, electrical and sewage services available to support this development along with the other 2 mentioned above. As it stands today, our capacity is strained as demonstrated by the low water pressure that occurred in Thornhill Woods as well as the Lebovic Campus neighbourhoods as a result of the burst water main at intersection of Rutherford and Thomas Cook earlier this year.
3. Parking. There are only 0.7 spots designated per residence for this application at a time when other home owners in the area are being encouraged to create additional parking pass for themselves on their front lawns to accommodate the additions needs because the reality is that almost every residence has more than one vehicle with many having more than 2.
4. Lack of green space. Every other developer in our neighborhood contributed to parks and green space for everyone's enjoyment. I see no evidence of the same in this proposal.
5. Schools. Where will the children who live in this proposed development attend school and how will the safely get there? Our schools are already overcrowded with portables spilling over into the green space. Drivers rushing to cut through our neighborhood or rushing home disregard stop signs, children crossing the streets to get to and from

school and honk at crossing guards because the streets are not designed to accommodate the existing volumes; never mind additional high density proposals.

I sincerely hope that the city will take into consideration the above issues at Tuesday's meeting and send a strong message to the developers that will demonstrate that only RESPONSIBLE development will be entertained in our great city. This means ensuring that there are safe entrances and exits with traffic lights in place at high density developments with both road and sidewalk access to accommodate both pedestrians and vehicles in a safe manner. This means ensuring there is green space allotted for the general public to enjoy as part of every development. This means ensuring there is sufficient parking and sufficient services so as not to put in necessary strain on capacity. This means ensuring there is no negative environmental impact.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Boris Arkanov