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Subject: [External] Concerns about the development proposal of 8940 Bathurst Street in Thornhill

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Dear Councillor Chris Ainsworth,

We hope this letter finds you well. We, Helena and Boris Arkanov, residents of [REDACTED] Ner Israel Drive, are writing to express our grave concerns regarding the proposed development at 8940 Bathurst Street. We understand the need for development and growth within our community; however, we believe that this particular project, as currently proposed, will have significant adverse effects on the quality of life for residents in the vicinity, including ourselves.

Our primary concern lies with the anticipated increase in density that this development will bring to our neighborhood. The addition of a large number of housing units or commercial spaces in such a confined area will undoubtedly strain our local resources and infrastructure. We fear this will lead to overcrowding and a decrease in the overall quality of life for existing residents.

Moreover, the inevitable increase in traffic is a significant concern. The current infrastructure around 8940 Bathurst Street is not equipped to handle a substantial rise in vehicle movements. This will likely lead to increased traffic congestion, longer commute times, and potentially more road accidents. The safety and convenience of pedestrians and cyclists, which have been a hallmark of our community, may also be compromised.

Another critical issue is the environmental impact of the proposed development. The area around 8940 Bathurst Street is known for its green spaces, which contribute to the biodiversity, air quality, and overall environmental health of our community. We are concerned that the development will lead to the loss of these valuable green spaces, negatively affecting wildlife and reducing the recreational areas available for residents to enjoy.

We strongly urge you to consider the long-term implications of the 8940 Bathurst Street development on our community. It is essential to balance growth with the preservation of the quality of life and environmental sustainability. We believe that a more thoughtful, less dense development plan, one that addresses traffic and environmental concerns, could still meet the city's growth objectives without sacrificing the well-being of its residents.

We appreciate your attention to our concerns and are open to discussing this matter further. We hope that you will take our views into consideration when making your decision regarding the proposed development at 8940 Bathurst Street.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

Sincerely,

Helena and Boris Arkanov