

From: Clerks@vaughan.ca
To: [Assunta Ferrante](mailto:Assunta.Ferrante)
Subject: FW: [External] Opposition to Item No: 4 – 2 – COW – PUBLIC MEETING September 10
Date: Monday, September 9, 2024 9:24:38 AM

From: S Ro [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2024 8:46 AM
To: Marilyn lafrate <Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca>; Clerks@vaughan.ca; Marisa Provenzano <Marisa.Provenzano@vaughan.ca>
Subject: [External] Opposition to Item No: 4 – 2 – COW – PUBLIC MEETING September 10

CAUTION! This is an external email. Verify the sender's email address and carefully examine any links or attachments before clicking. If you believe this may be a phishing email, please use the Phish Alert Button.

Dear Members of the Committee of the Whole, including the Honourable Mayor Del Duca and members of staff providing consultation to this matter.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Zoning Amendment Application concerning high-density development within the subdivision, particularly at 9222 Keele Street, which is set to be discussed in the upcoming Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting) on September 10, 2024.

As a resident of Alberta Drive and this community, I have several concerns regarding the inclusion of our subdivision within the Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSA) boundary and the resulting zoning amendments. I believe this amendment will have significant negative impacts on our community, and I respectfully urge the Council to reconsider this decision for the following reasons:

- Increased Traffic and Congestion:** The introduction of high-density development will undoubtedly lead to a substantial increase in traffic and congestion in our neighborhood. Keele Street and surrounding roads are already heavily used, and additional traffic from new developments would exacerbate these issues, potentially leading to safety concerns for both drivers and pedestrians. Our neighborhood is already suffering from people cutting through during rush hour. Also tens of vehicles lining up at traffic lights to turn left or right on Rutherford rd.
- Strain on Infrastructure and Services:** Our community's current infrastructure is not designed to accommodate high-density developments. Such a change would place an immense strain on local amenities, including schools, parks, recreational facilities, and healthcare services, potentially reducing the quality of life for current residents. As it stands, no overnight parking is allowed due to the streets being too narrow, and this development could further strain our resources.

- **Loss of Community Character:** Our subdivision is known for its peaceful, low-density residential environment, which is a significant draw for my family, other families and long-term residents. High-density development threatens the character and identity of our neighborhood, potentially leading to a loss of green space and a rise in noise and pollution levels.
- **Environmental Concerns:** Our neighborhood is already suffering from the air pollution of nearby businesses/factories. Also increasing density in our community could lead to environmental degradation, particularly if the development involves the removal of mature trees and green spaces. This could negatively impact local biodiversity and reduce the overall environmental quality of the area.

In light of these concerns, I strongly oppose the proposed Zoning Amendment Application and request that the Council vote against including our subdivision within the PMTSA boundary. Instead, I encourage the City to explore alternative locations for high-density developments that are better suited to accommodate such growth without compromising existing communities.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I hope the Council will take the residents' perspectives into account and make a decision that reflects the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

V. R.