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Official Plan Amendment File OP.18.008
Zoning By-Law Amendment File Z.18.013
Applicant: 919819 Ontario Ltd. /1891445 Ontario Ltd. Inc.
Ward 2 – Vicinity of Kipling Avenue and Regional Road 7

Good evening Chair, Honourable Mayor, Members of Council & Neighbours,

My name is Rosina D'Alimonte and I reside at [REDACTED] Hawman Avenue. I strongly oppose the official amendment and zoning by-law amendment that 919819 Ontario Ltd. is proposing, and know for a fact that the majority of the families residing in the area of Kipling Avenue, south of Highway 7 share the same opinion.

We purchased our property 13 years go immediately right after we saw it. We feel in love with it immediately because of the serene and unique environment it was situated in. It was quiet, had many mature trees, all the homes were distinct, the lots were spacious and the community was like no other. We have neighbours of all ages on our street. Our goal was to build our dream home in place of the small bungalow that was on the huge lot. We hoped to raise a family there, retire there and eventually leave it to our son and his children. We dedicated much time, effort and money to building our home and did so abiding by the by-laws of the municipality and respecting our neighbours some of who had been living there for over 50 years. Our neighbours who built and renovated their homes on our street did the same. We all abided by Vaughan's New Official Plan 2010, which outlines Council's vision "that any new development in Community Areas with existing development be limited and designed to respect and reinforce the existing physical character and the surrounding area."

Shortly after we completed our home and moved in, the battles with developers began. This is the 4th deputation I am giving, three in this Chamber and 1 in front of the OMB. If my neighbours and I can abide by the by-laws why can't they. What gives developers the right to submit applications, walk into our neighbourhood expecting to change the zoning and construct their structures, in this case a 16 storey building, that don't conform with the surrounding low-rise one storey and two storey residential homes.

This is disrespectful to the residents and to the Municipal and Provincial officials who made the by-laws and laws we should all be abiding by. In addition it is a waste of time money that could be used to better our City. How would they like it we went into their neighbourhoods and disrupted their cohesive communities they have built? Its not that we are against development, we want development that is appropriate, reasonable, safe and that coincides with the existing development in the area.

Council, I implore you to support us, as we have elected you to safeguard our City and its citizens. Please listen to the residents of the Kipling and Highway 7 area and ensure that our "Community Area" is developed in a way that conforms, respect and reinforces the existing unique physical character of our neighbourhood.

Thank you