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Good Day Councilor Volpentesta and Council Members

I am following up regarding the decision on the Hartman and Islington Avenue Development application (OP.19.011 & Z.19.033, File: DA.21.014) to be made at today's 1:00 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting.

As a community, we remain strongly opposed to this project and others that threaten the quality of life in our area. These developments bring increased traffic, noise, and environmental impacts that have not been properly studied or mitigated.

We urge you to consider the community's repeated requests for an independent Islington Avenue Corridor Study, led by third-party experts, to assess the cumulative impact of intensification applications within this one-kilometer stretch. This study must address traffic congestion, noise, lighting, environmental degradation, and overall livability to ensure responsible planning decisions moving forward.

We also request a Holding provision while this study is conducted to prevent further approvals that could exacerbate these challenges. As your constituents, we ask again: what steps must we take to ensure this motion is presented and passed by Council?

We expect our elected representatives to prioritize community well-being and adhere to expert recommendations.

Your attention to this matter is critical to preserving the integrity and quality of life in our neighborhood. We trust you will act in the best interest of your constituents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Franca Porretta  
Birch Hill Road

On Mon, 3 Jun 2024 at 12:58, Francesca Mancuso <[REDACTED]>  
wrote:

Good Day Councilor Volpentesta and Council Members

I am writing to express my strong concerns regarding the Hartman and Islington Avenue Development application (OP.19.011 & Z.19.033 File: DA.21.014).

As previously mentioned, the applicant has repeatedly disregarded the TRCA's 10-meter setback requirement on the Humber River greenspace, a critical watershed area. This encroachment is unacceptable and should be firmly opposed by Vaughan councilors and planning staff.

The revised application also lacks critical information and seems to exceed the permitted floor space index, raising more concerns for the community. Existing townhouses behind the proposed site will be significantly affected.

Additionally, the proposal to demolish five residential houses to build 74 townhouses on a 6.7-meter-wide dead-end avenue, with buildings exceeding 14 meters in height, will significantly impact traffic, noise, and overall quality of life in our neighborhood. The increasing population without a comprehensive feasibility study of the Islington Avenue corridor has led to unmanageable issues, and further development will exacerbate these problems.

Many of us have **repeatedly directed the council to commission an independent study (lead by outsourced experts) of the Islington Avenue Corridor**, within this one-kilometer stretch of roadway from Islington Ave and Willis to Islington Ave and Langstaff. We are **requesting this motion to conduct an Islington Avenue Corridor Study be done immediately by Councilor Volpentesta** and **voted favorably** by other members of council. The motion should also include a Holding provision while the study is being conducted of this 1KM stretch of roadway, **to ensure this is done in a timely manner**. We ask once again, what steps are required by the people, your constituents to ensure this motion is presented to Council? We have made numerous attempts to have this motion heard. The study should include, but not be limited to, the current number of homes, the pressure from intensification applications (both

approved and pending), and factors such as traffic, noise, lighting, and community impact. The study should ultimately provide **a clear answer on how much this one-kilometer stretch can handle.**

As an FYI, the previous Islington Avenue **Corridor study has already surpassed what the experts at that time said this stretch of road could handle.** If we are not listening to those experts, not willing to ask new experts, and not considering the TRCA's concerns, **who are we relying on to direct us?** In my opinion, there is no one.

As residents, **we expect our elected officials** to protect our community's interests. We pay property taxes, vote, and elect our councilors and mayor to safeguard us against such adverse impacts. It is extremely disappointing and frustrating to have elected council members who, in my opinion, do not listen too, or who choose to ignore their taxpayers and voters.

Please consider these matters seriously before making any final decisions. The well-being of our neighborhood is at stake, and **we trust you will act in our best interest.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Franca Porretta

