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**Subject:** Committee of the Whole: OP.19.003 and Z.19.008  
**Attachments:** City of Vaughan Weston Downs Letter.pdf

Hello,

Please find attached hereto a document containing the oral comments I plan to present at the Committee of the Whole on September 17, 2019, regarding the above mentioned file numbers.

Please attach said document to the Committee of the Whole record, so residents may read along during my delivery.

Best regards,

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City of Vaughan, Committee of the Whole, September 17, 2019

Good evening,

My name is Anthony. I am an Osgoode Hall Law School student and active member of Vaughan's political system. I also speak on behalf of my mother Phyllis, who is currently out of town. My mother and I have been residents of Weston Downs for the past 20 years. Since such time, my mother has been an active participant of the Rate Payers Association. Weston Downs is important to us because it is the place where we grew as family, volunteer for the less fortunate, practice our religion and ultimately call home.

Our subdivision, currently holding a 97% residential rate, with two commercial plazas, is occupied by long term Vaughan residents. These residents value the tranquility and privacy associated with Woodbridge subdivisions, which is what separates us from typical city, Toronto-based, living.

Weston Downs has thrived, both economically and socially, because of its residents' dedication to keeping our community clean, safe and nuisance free. The renters occupying the units in this proposal would not only encroach on the privacy of Weston Downs residents but also substantially increase the level of noise and pollution. Most renters do not show the same level of dedication to community safety and sustainability as long-term home owners, further increasing the hazards associated with this proposal.

The Builder's utter disregard for the residents of Weston Downs is apparent, as this seven story structure would cast over a bulk of the houses and a majority of Velmar park, entirely eliminating the enjoyment from backyard use and outdoor recreational activities. I understand the attractiveness of increasing tax revenue by allowing this proposal to proceed, but ask the City to place a greater value on the lives of its residents who have dedicated their time, effort and money to keeping Weston Downs a subdivision which embodies the values of peace, accountability, privacy and safety.

Aside from the social and structural issues of this proposal, traffic concerns also arise. Having recognized the extreme traffic congestion in our subdivision, in 2015, City Council adopted the Peak Period Turning Restriction for Weston Downs Community Resolution. This resolution, although helpful, has not relieved the chronic traffic infiltration and congestion, as since 2015, traffic has continued to intensify. For most residents, it takes 20 minutes to get home from either Langstaff Road or the Weston and Rutherford intersection during rush hour. This proposal would not only add to this issue, but substantially increase its potency and create a new problem in its own by increasing the level of risk Velmar pedestrians face.

Weston Down residents already sacrifice by accommodating a majority of Woodbridge rush hour commuters who drive through the subdivision and create both excessive traffic congestion and noise. It is neither reasonable nor acceptable to force us to further sacrifice by having our homes substantially decrease in value, both monetarily and socially. We have invested our livelihoods, family stability and retirement plans in a subdivision which promised to maintain its residential identity. This proposal will cripple our investment and force active community members to relocate our families, shattering the hope of remaining in a subdivision in which we have built our lives and planned our futures around.

Please consider the weight of this structure on the lives of Weston Downs residents and bear the privacy, safety and traffic cost of this proposal in mind when basing your decision. Thank you for your time.