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Subject: FW: [External] Opposition to Townhouse Development on Thornhill Woods Drive – File Z.24.041

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- 1. **Zoning and Land Use Incompatibility** The current zoning was designed to maintain the integrity of our neighborhood with low-density, single-family homes. Allowing high-density townhouses would contradict this planning principle and set a concerning precedent for future developments.
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While we understand that federal policies are placing pressure on provinces to increase affordable housing—especially with the upcoming federal elections—it is crucial that good planning policies remain a priority. Development approvals should be based on responsible urban planning and the best interests of the community, rather than political motives or election-driven agendas.

I urge the Council to uphold the current zoning regulations and reject this proposed development. Instead, I encourage the city to focus on responsible planning that aligns with the existing community fabric and the expectations of its residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully request to be informed of any further developments on this matter and would appreciate the opportunity to participate in future discussions or public hearings.

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