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Communication

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Item No. 10

From:Clerks@vaughan.caTo:Assunta FerranteSubject:FW: [External] Weston 7 Secondary Plan - CommentsDate:Tuesday, June 3, 2025 11:41:42 AM

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Hello,

Please see below regarding Item No. 10 on the Agenda for the Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting) on June 4.

Thank you,

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From: FRANCA STIRPE Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 10:38 PM To: <u>Weston7@vaughan.ca</u> Subject: [External] Weston 7 Secondary Plan - Comments

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Hello.

I am completely opposed to the proposal for the Weston 7 Secondary Plan. A total of approximately 60,000 new residents in such a confined space? Totally ridiculous and unacceptable!

I did briefly attend one of the information meetings and was disgusted to learn that our cherished outdoor shopping centre at the south-east corner of Highway 7 and Weston Road is being considered for bulldozing and destruction. This area, together with the surrounding shopping areas have been our cherished community Hubs for many years, and have also provided services to the neighbouring and distant communities at large.

We are long-time residents of this community and remember when there were merely a few grocery stores available. Little by little our community grew and prospered, and became the envy of many. Now, after so many years of prosperity and growth, when we are enjoying the abundance of shopping options in our own backyard without having to travel elsewhere to spend our dollars, there is a proposal to destroy all that is convenient and good.

It is my understanding that shopping will be limited to the ground floor area of the proposed condo buildings, with all parking to be underground. Did anyone stop to think about our senior citizens? I do not believe that many would be comfortable parking underground for all their basic shopping needs, nor will they appreciate having to hop from one condo building to another to gather their requirements. Yes, shopping habits have changed, but there still is, and there will always be a very large portion of the population which still prefers to shop in-person and not online. Parking will most likely be paid parking only, with an added burden to shoppers. Responsible planning must ensure that everyone's needs are met.

As far as intensification is concerned, I believe we must all take our fair share, not just one particular community. The Woodbridge area is already busting at the seams and it will only get worse, as evidenced by all the rezoning applications pertaining to established plazas, infill developments, condos along major roads and also adjacent to single residential properties.

With all the proposed destruction of shopping areas and new construction of numerous condos and infill developments, where are residents supposed to shop? This will be a great inconvenience to the community and force them to spend their dollars elsewhere, This is not what is expected and deserved.

Traffic will be at a standstill. I know....studies will be done and they will show that the community can handle the extra traffic, with all the safeguards that will be put into place. Well, studies are not always correct, and it only takes a drive through the City at any given time to experience the current horrendous and frustrating, levels of traffic.

I hope that this enormous proposal receives all the consideration a project of this size requires, and that all our shopping plazas are saved from the bulldozer. We need them!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Franca Stirpe