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OP.19.003 and Z.19.008 - 4101 Rutherford Road

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Official Plan Amendment File OP.19.003 Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.19.008 Velmar Centre Property Limited Applications 4101Rutherford Road

Dear Mr Messere,

I am writing to you not only as a Weston Downs resident, but as the property owner of Velmar Drive - right across the street. As such, I am in the most affected group by this development.

You have already received much correspondence regarding this issue: Traffic, negatively affected community, parking spaces, parking on the street, shadows, ability to be properly serviced by water/sewers, noise, pollution, drop in property value - and the list goes on. I may also add the noise, pollution, traffic and commercial vehicles on the street during the construction phase given the size and the depth of a 3-level garage. I have not seen one positive thing mentioned, except for what it does for the developer and perhaps the city with regards to increasing revenue.

I must declare how vehemently opposed I am to this development. I leave home each day at 7:30am to face cars on Rutherford lined up from Babak all the way to the 400 in order to get to work. I come home each night at 5:30pm to face 2 lanes of cars blocking my driveway (despite the "Do not block driveways" sign directly in front of my house) - with the cars extending down to Village Green or further. I have already been hit once while exiting by driveway, and I have been almost hit more than a dozen times - including from cars exiting the plaza. Drivers are frustrated at the traffic so they honk at each other and cut one-another off - and these are usually ones that do not live in Weston Downs.

So, adding 139 residences with approx 200+ cars in addition to the plaza traffic can only contribute to the situation. The majority of these will also be leaving for work in the morning and coming home in the evening. The traffic alone has been a major Weston Downs issue for a decade, and instead of a solution (or at least improvement), we have this application.

So many others have expressed their opposition, I can only agree and wish to add my voice the opposition. I understand at this point is only an "application for amendments" however it really seems like forcing a a square peg in a round hole - there are far too many amendments that are detrimental.

Since there is public hearing - the public community of Weston Downs, and in particular the residents living on Velmar and Siderno, are imploring you to be heard.

Sincerely,

John Parete
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