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Dear Members of Vaughan City Council,

I am writing as someone deeply concerned about the proposed condominium development at Islington Avenue and Friuli Court, beside Villa Leonardo Gambin (VLG). This is not just another development site, it is home to 168 elderly residents who rely on a calm, stable, and safe environment each day. It is also a workplace for over 300 dedicated staff members and a place regularly visited by hundreds of loving family members.

The residents of VLG are among the most vulnerable members of our community. They have contributed to society over a lifetime and now depend on us to ensure they can live with comfort, safety, and dignity. Approving a development of this scale directly beside their home risks compromising that responsibility. A long-term care home should remain a place of peace, not one surrounded by prolonged disruption.

This project would bring several years of construction, including ongoing noise, vibration, and dust. For seniors, especially those with medical and cognitive challenges, these conditions can be harmful and distressing. This goes beyond inconvenience and directly affects their health and quality of life.

There are also serious concerns about access and safety. Changes to roads and parking, along with increased congestion, could delay emergency response times, which are critical in a care setting. Daily operations for staff and visitors would also become more difficult.

In addition, the construction period would significantly impact residents' ability to safely enjoy outdoor spaces. What is currently a peaceful environment would become an active construction zone, limiting mobility and reducing all types of outdoor activities and programs.

Even after construction is complete, the long-term effects remain concerning. Increased traffic, reduced sunlight, stronger winds, and higher noise levels will permanently alter the environment, diminishing the comfort and livability that VLG currently provides for its residents.

How we care for seniors reflects our values as a community. They deserve environments that support their well-being, not ones that put it at risk. While growth is important, it should not come at the expense of those who are most vulnerable.

I am not opposed to development in Vaughan; however, this proposal, at its current scale and location, is not appropriate. A more balanced approach is needed, one that respects both the need for housing and the responsibility to protect long-term care residents.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider this proposal to ensure that the well-being of the elders in our community is not compromised.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ambar Sanchez