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Dear Mayor, Councillors and Clerk's Office,

Please find attached a letter regarding the proposed infill development for the Board of Trade.

Kind Regards,

John & Annie Massara

Waymar Heights Blvd.

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Todd Coles

City Clerk

2141 Major Mackenzie Drive

Vaughan, Ontario

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Dear Mr. Coles

Re: Clubhouse Developments Inc., 20 Lloyd Street (Board of Trade Golf Course), 241 Wycliffe Avenue, 737 and 757 Clarence Street

Files OP .19.014, Z.19.038 and 19T-19V007

By this letter I am formally submitting my objection to the above highlighted complete application and request that you provide a copy of this letter to the Mayor and all Vaughan Councillors as well as to the city planners.

My husband and I have lived in Woodbridge for the past 38 years, and we continue to reside here with our 3 daughters. This is the place where we met, got married and decided to raise a family, specifically for its beauty, tranquility, and natural balance of nature.

Unfortunately, depression and anxiety runs in our family. It is a disease that affects all ages and comes at any time. For this reason, my husband and I have decided to make a significant financial sacrifice to have a home on Waymar Heights Blvd. When deciding to purchase a home on this street, we were immediately captivated by the gorgeous grounds and breathtaking views of the golf course. After receiving confirmation from the City that the land behind us was zoned "open space", we decided that this was the perfect place to raise our 3 young daughters. More importantly, we knew that the nature surrounding this street was going to benefit our children, especially one of our daughters who suffers severely from anxiety. We wanted to be able to offer our children a place where they can walk outside and feel that overwhelming sense of peace and zen. As you may or may not know, nature is a natural form of therapy, specifically to help maintain a healthy mental state. The lush green rolling hills, sounds of birds chirping, and watching the breathtaking sunsets are therapeutic, not only for those suffering from mental illness, but for every individual. I'm sure these feelings are the same for hundreds of residents that live in our "now" perfect community.

So we ask why? Why are you willing to destroy not only the natural balance of nature, but most importantly the health and mental state of our community. Us, the residents, have voted for Mr. Bevilacqua with the trust that he would always act in the best interests of his community. We hope you can maintain our trust by making the right decision for **YOUR** community.

The proposed infill jeopardizes the natural balance of nature in the area by

- Destroying the natural biodiversity of the area
- Creating an environment that is detrimental to the **health** of the existing community members

- Increase the Traffic congestion that already exists and is continuously being increased with the already approved developments in the surrounding neighbourhoods.
- Reducing the Natural Heritage of the Community

eliminating the rich natural landscape that is home to a multitude of animals. The inherent biodiversity of the area is a gift that very few communities enjoy.

The proposed infill development will add a minimum of an additional 3000 vehicles, this will further tax the already congested roadways and turn our neighbourhoods into a nightmare.

I believe that a detailed study supported by a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment, an Environmental Impact Study and a comprehensive Traffic Study (taking into consideration applications already approved within the parameters of the affected community) Health Impact and Social Impact Studies and other studies are critical to properly assess the subject lands' proposed intent for development. The detailed studies are only possible with the implementation of an Interim Control By-law, this will facilitate the completion of a comprehensive report that will scientifically document conservation priorities and facilitate science based environment review as well as other necessary studies, in addition to which we request the City Council to provide the current landowners a Notice of Intervention to Designate to preserve the potential Cultural character of the Board of Trade Golf-Course.

Sincerely yours,

John & Annie Massara

Copy to Mayor and all Councillors and planners