

March 3, 2020

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 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. oppose the development of The Country Club by recognizing how invaluable it is to our environmental, cultural and natural heritage.

The proposed infill jeopardizes the natural balance of nature in the area by 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. Woodbridge residents and those who are within the government should be protecting this green space and its history. The Country Club opened in 1965 and formally- Board of Trade Golf Course. This is a piece of Woodbridge's history and heritage. The course is an 18-hole championship course designed by the much-admired Canadian architect Howard Watson. Later, Arthur Hills, Arnold Palmer's most famous design partner, modified the golf course. Throughout its time, The Country Club was host to many prestigious amateur and professional tournaments.

The City of Vaughan protects its architectural heritage, its century homes such as the Wallace House on Woodbridge Avenue, and celebrates its rural past with its Agricultural Fair in the Fall. **Its Regional Official Plan also prohibits development of the green lands within the city, for which this golf course is a part!** The proposed development of The Country Club disregards this natural and historic heritage.

In addition, it is more important now than ever before to protect our bio-diversity and green space. The Country Club is a vast green space that is a part of the Humber River Valley system ecosystem. It is a place of beauty in all four seasons, providing beautiful vistas along the winding bends of Clarence Avenue. It is a refreshing urban oasis for all, with wetlands in adjoining valleys and habitat for all sorts of wildlife, including many species that are at risk, such as the Bank Swallow, Eastern Wood-Pewee and endangered bat species, to name a few. Local wildlife who live harmoniously in our woods will be displaced. Several thousands of healthy, mature trees that populate the golf course will have disappeared as the current bylaws that protect them will certainly have been defiled.

The beauty, heritage, and legacy of the Woodbridge core will be gone forever!