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ITEM 4

Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing)

July 7, 2020

City of Vaughan
Office of the City Clerk
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June 23, 2020

Re: 9630 Islington Inc. – Written Comments Prior to Public Hearing July 7th, 2020

Dear Office of the City Clerk,

I am writing regarding the notice of public hearing for the zoning by-law application submitted by 9630 Islington Inc. to construct a 5-storey residential apartment building with 89 units and one level of underground parking.

I have resided in the City of Vaughan for more than 20 years, currently a resident of the Sonoma Heights area at Islington and Major Mackenzie since 2010. I have strong concerns regarding this development for several reasons detailed below:

- Traffic and congestion – The intersection of Islington and Napa Valley is very congested as it stands currently. Adjacent to 9630 Islington, is a very busy plaza at all times of the day and evenings
- Recent approved developments already in the area - Across the street from 9630 Islington, is another approved development which will add even more residents and traffic to the area (OP.16.010 two 6-storey apartments)
- Capacity of the proposed 5-storey apartment - This is simply too many people for what this space can accommodate. 89 units is a lot of people being added to this area from one apartment complex in what is already a tight space
- Conservation and natural habitat - The area has a lot of conservation land and located within the greenbelt. Wildlife depends on conservation and dedicating parts of the city to its preservation. One of the many reason's residents live here is because of that natural beauty. Adding more concrete buildings does not allow for nature to thrive and conflicts with "Green Direction Vaughan" plan which is supposed to guide the community to a more sustainable future by addressing environmental, cultural, social, and economic values

https://www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/environmental_sustainability/GreenDirections/Pages/Our-Green-Direction.aspx

My primary concern is that this development will lead to more subsequent development and this area is already too congested as it is. We do not want to be another HWY 7 and Weston Road.

One of the reasons I choose to live in this neighbourhood was that it was away from traffic and somewhat quiet. There are already new townhome developments being constructed down the road on Islington and Sonoma Heights and another across the street from this proposed one. I am afraid this intersection will be over capacity and seriously conflict with the way residents of this community interact on daily basis. This development will cause a lot of extra traffic in an intersection which already has traffic today.

The notice of public hearing did not specify what the applicant is proposing to give back to the community or how to mitigate some of the adverse impacts this development would undoubtedly cause overall and too the natural environment. First and foremost, the City of Vaughan must protect its residents and have their best interests in mind.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my viewpoints during this important process. I have spoken to many of my neighbours about this who also feel the same as I do. I hope they participate by voicing their concerns and taking the time as I have done to write a letter. As a proud resident of Vaughan, I will be extremely upset should this development be approved.

Sincerely,

Sonya Fiorini

■ La Neve Ave, Woodbridge, ON