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Committee of the Whole Public Hearing Meeting Oct 7, 7:00 pm

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To whom it may concern:

Please include my comments in tonight's meeting. Thank you

We oppose the development of 526 residential units at the south-east corner of Dufferin St and Kirby Road.

We moved to "Vaughan Rural" (as defined by the real estate board) over 17 years ago and we did so to get away from the hustle/bustle of densely populated areas; including congested, bumper to bumper traffic and to enjoy more green space; including the welcoming feeling of calm, country living.

Over the years, Vaughan Rural has been over-developed without adequate infrastructure and without regard for the current residents. Dufferin Street has become hardly recognizable. With only one lane in each direction, it is a parking lot during core hours each morning and evening. Distracted, tired, and frustrated drivers are behind the wheel.

We have seen first-hand drivers taking extremely unsafe measures to break free from traffic jams. In particular, the left hand turn lane for northbound drivers to turn onto Hunterwood Chase is often used as a passing lane for south-bound traffic. On more than one occasion we have narrowly avoided a head-on collision.

We have also seen Athabasca Drive being used as a "shortcut" to bypass the never-ending line of traffic going southbound on Dufferin St. Drivers who use Athabasca as a shortcut do so at excessive speeds. This puts children waiting for their school bus and others, in harm's way.

It is almost impossible to turn left/north/uphill onto Dufferin St. in the morning without taking a deep breath, putting the accelerator to the floor and hoping for the best. The noise level of traffic has also substantially increased over the years. The "country feel" is all but disappeared.

Please also take into serious consideration that there is not any public transportation in this area. Everyone who lives here uses a vehicle. There are no "green" alternatives in Vaughan Rural.

An additional 526 homes and over a 1000 more vehicles on Dufferin St. is unacceptable.

Regards,

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