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

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Hello Mayor Bevilaqua and City Council Members.

My name is Lucia Pulciani and I live on Kilmuir Gate. I have been a resident of Woodbridge for 35 years. I have seen it grow and change over the years and by far, the application to amend Vaughan's Official Plan on the Country Club Golf Course lands is the most upsetting to me. This area of Woodbridge is an absolute gem to our community and we will lose it forever if we do not protect it today.

The subject lands are currently designated in the Vaughan Official Plan as Private open space with designated natural areas. This space is adjacent to the Greenbelt lands of Boyd Park and as such may be a very important green corridor for species in this area. This property is a part of the Humber River system. Destroying any piece of this property can have ripple effects on the entire ecosystem and destroy the biodiversity of the area.

You may think that it is okay to remove this one green space, but removing this gem, is removing one green space too many! Intensification should not mean destruction of already existing green spaces. Rather, intensification should happen in the city core of Vaughan, not in and around mature, historical areas like this one along Clarence St.

The proposed street that will intersect Wycliffe Ave. is also a big concern. Three streets, being Kilmuir Gate, the proposed street and Cairnburg Place will intersect Wycliffe Ave within metres of each other. This egress point will funnel THOUSANDS of cars into a small minor neighbourhood road. You all know of the problems that are being faced in the Weston Downs area, for which the residents have been fighting for years with no logical solution to date. This city is turning beautiful quiet neighbourhoods where children are safe to walk to school and play, to dangerous thoroughfares making it impossible for people to even get out of their driveways in the morning! The city's traffic plan should not include using quiet neighbourhood roads as main arterial roads. The infrastructure in and around this area cannot handle any more cars! Please choose to keep our communities safe!

Already, my family is feeling the emotional effects from the very thought of this green space being destroyed. We have seen these trees before us grow from tiny seeds to magnificent beauties. Our children, who have been raised to be responsible, environmentally-conscious individuals, are feeling stress about losing this beautiful landscape and destroying the habitats of the many animals they have come to

enjoy seeing in this green space. They question how, with all that we know about the benefits of trees and the call to action to protect habitats for the sake of our planet, a proposal like this can even be considered. We moved to this home so that our children and perhaps our grandchildren can benefit emotionally from living near beautiful green spaces as the research tells us, and now this is being threatened.

If the city is truly interested in ensuring the health, well-being and vitality of our city and its citizens, then the Councillors and Mayor should say **NO to changing the Vaughan Official Plan** and at minimum, **say YES to an Interim Control By-law with INDEPENDENT studies to investigate the lands in full detail.** I also ask that the City Council provide the current landowners a Notice of Intervention to preserve the potential Cultural character of the Board of Trade Golf-Course. Please make the right choice to keep our community beautiful and protect our green space for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you.

Lucia Pulciani