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Subject: Concerned Resident living in Kirby Side Rd and Dufferin Street

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Dear Vaughan Council,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen living in the subdivision by the Kirby Side Road & Dufferin Street subdivision.

Being a resident of Vaughan since 1974, I have witnessed firsthand a skyrocketing population growth and the trials and tribulations of such growth. I distinctly remember the unpaved 'farm' roads that are now major gridlock corridors (i.e. Jane, Rutherford & Major Mack). I remember how easy it was to commute from one town to the next.

I received the Public Hearing Notice in the mail for the Rizmi Holdings item. Currently, Rizmi would like to develop a parcel of land directly across from my subdivision. I agree with the development as I would much rather look at beautifully maintained homes on that land instead of a gravel pit. However, I do have serious concerns about the traffic.

Dufferin Street is a commuter's nightmare. Every morning to get to my sons' school, the southbound lanes by Teston Road are in gridlock. The plan to open up Kirby Road to Bathurst may alleviate some congestion, as will the widening of Dufferin Street. I am asking that while the Vaughan population continues to grow, Council uses good judgment and foresight into the infrastructure planning.

Approximately 2-3 years ago, Dufferin Street between Major Mackenzie and Kirby Side Road had a makeover. Lanes were not widened but the road was repaved and fences along the road were either replaced or fortified. While the work was going on we were severely inconvenienced and living in another traffic nightmare for several months. Now that this Rizmi development will begin, it would be prudent and cost effective to widen or create (i.e. Kirby Road extension) all roads prior/during the already messy construction phase.

The makeover on Dufferin Street clearly did not show good planning or foresight as Dufferin needed to be widened and not just 'made-over'. All the money, resources and time were for nought, we are now facing more road work and thus, more traffic jams.

Blaming or fighting against the impending Rizmi development will not solve the traffic problem. The development is not the issue, as development has made Vaughan a remarkable city to live. However, good planning, adequate and timely infrastructure would create a city that is inviting and that is prepared for future growth!

Thank you for your time,
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