

Subject: FW: Proposal for Development of Sports Village into Berkeley Academy and Entertainment Centre

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Subject: Proposal for Development of Sports Village into Berkeley Academy and Entertainment Centre

To Members of Council and Clerk's Office of the City of Vaughan:

I am writing to express my deep concern with the proposal we were presented by Mr Tony Furiato to purchase and redevelop the property currently housing the Municipal Capital Facility of the Sports Village.

I am not only concerned that this proposal will result in the loss of prime parkland in Maple but also that the Mentana Group, should they acquire the property, will push the boundaries of any new agreement, as they have done with the original agreement, because they will need to find ways to recoup the substantial investment that will be required.

I am concerned because if they build it and they don't come as expected, the structures will deteriorate and left unmaintained will be a complete sore for the City to bail out.

I am concerned for the escalation of noise that will come from large crowds, chillers and compressor and for the garbage and waste that will blow in the wind onto the back of my property – there is already mini duping yard at the rear east of the facility, imagine if they expanded it to 2000 parking spots.

I am concerned with what digging almost 5 stories into the ground to build the arena bowl will do to the ecology of the nearby Don River tributary.

I am concerned that the already snarled traffic in the area will be even more unbearable on show evenings.

I have read on numerous occasions that the Sports Village MCF is a great success attracting 2.4 million visitors per year and I think an expanded plan for the private school can be accomplished with some expansion to the facilities, but mostly using the existing facility. Why the City would want to roll the dice and dispose of this valuable asset in return for what amounts to an equivalent ¼ pad of ice and a 3% uptick in attendance does not make any sense to me.

I look forward to hearing council look past the glitz being sold by Mentana and take a critical, citizen's view of what is being proposed and find a compromise that protects the original spirit of these lands.

Thank You,

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