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Subject: [External] Re Vaughan Council meeting on July 13 that will have ramifications beyond Vaughn

To Whom It May Concern

I live just south of Steeles Ave, and therefore I am not on your voting rolls, but I shop regularly in Thornhill, including stores on Steeles Ave. I, and very many other local residents will be extremely negatively impacted by the mega development that is proposed along Steeles Ave., between Hilda and Yonge. As it is now, traffic on Hilda going south in the morning and going north at rush hour in the afternoon is restricted, and this puts an additional strain on the already overburdened north-south traffic on Bathurst and Yonge.

What perhaps is most galling, is that this is being put forward under cover of Covid 19, as non-compliant proposals without public consultation. It not only allows for 20000 new people with no addition to local infrastructure, but it will double or triple the height and density levels of the newest guidelines that have been put in place after years of study by city planners. This is a horrendous example of developers trying to bypass existing rules to the detriment of residents on both sides of Steeles.

What is also of great concern is that developers make outrageous proposals while expecting to throw a proverbial bone to complainers and council by scaling back a bit, while leaving the project essentially intact.

Sincerely yours,

Eli Honig