

COMMUNICATION – C6
ITEM 4
Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing)
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From: Jennifer Siegel [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Re: Flamingo high-rise

Hi. Attached please find copy of an email sent to Alan Shefman. Was told to please pass it on to your office in order for it to be registered.

Thanks so much,
Jennifer Siegel

On Sep 8, 2020, at 9:51 AM, Jennifer Siegel [REDACTED] > wrote:

Hi Alan hope you are well. I am writing to voice my concerns about the proposed high-rise. This is a terrible idea.

Let me go back to 1997, when we were looking to buy a property in this area. All the different builders were very big on pushing the fact that this area would never have towns or semis, it was zoned for detached homes only. As you drove around the empty streets, there were signs everywhere stating this fact in very large writing. Obviously that adds greatly to the appeal as it means fewer homes which has great benefits, both to living in the neighbourhood and resale value of the homes.

We originally bought a home on Highcliffe, right opposite where the proposed shul was to be built. At that time Chabad asked for permission to have an entry on Highcliffe as

well as Flamingo. This was already a step up from what had been promised of the original building, which was to have very little impact on our side street traffic. After much back and forth, this was not to be and, instead, they were given permission to have an entrance that would only go to the Mikvah, not through to Flamingo. It seems from there they have asked for bigger and bigger, first doubling the size of the building, and now wanting to erect a high-rise on the property.

Given the number of buildings that have been approved and are already under construction in the vicinity, to add another one, and one in such a confined space, seems absolutely ludicrous. I dread the thought of having to try to get off or onto Flamingo during peak hour traffic, it can barely cope with the traffic it already has, to say nothing of how much through traffic will be created, both on Flamingo and Highcliffe. There are times during the morning rush that traffic on Flamingo waiting to turn onto Bathurst is backed up all the way to the Glen Forest turn or even further.

There is a huge negative impact in every way, including financial, to all the homeowners in the Flamingo area. I appreciate that things can change, but this is a change that should not happen and is certainly not for the better. I plead with you to do what you can to put an end to this terrible proposed development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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