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Good morning, City of Vaughan,

As a concerned resident of this community, I am submitting this note to voice my concern about the above-noted application.

I strongly believe that that this application has been proceeding through various stages and zoning requirements on inaccurate information. When the Chabad Flamingo Synagogue was initially built on a small corner of land within an already built subdivision, it was built with the allotted parking space allowances as required at the time. Several years ago, the size of the synagogue increased substantially, cutting into a large portion of the original parking lot without adding more spaces. This caused a substantial increase to street traffic throughout the neighbourhood, including parking on both sides of the streets on specific days of the week, more specifically, every Friday night and Saturday, every Jewish holiday, every time there is a private function at the synagogue. Each time this traffic builds in relation to this building complex, it makes driving through the streets dangerous as cars are only able to pass through one direction at a time with limited line of sight to see if a car is coming toward you. It also makes it difficult to visit with any residents in the area as there is no parking space left in front of or near people's houses in the area.

We were informed that a traffic study was completed by the applicant to determine if traffic flow would be of concern. I suggest that the information acquired may have been inaccurate since the study was performed during a long weekend in the middle of the summer, a time when many residents in the area are away on vacation and synagogue attendance likely at an annual low. If such a study had perhaps been handled over a 6 month period, monitoring weekend traffic flows, the end-result might be largely different than that of one summer long-weekend report.

While I agree that increasing affordable housing in the City of Vaughan will have a positive effect, I believe that the location of this particular application does not make sense for this community. There are many other open land areas within the City of Vaughan, and trying to add in this large amount of new housing on such a small piece of land within an already existing community will not have a positive outcome for the taxpayers and homeowners of this community.

Sincerely,

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