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From: Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 7:45 PM

To: Clerks@vaughan.ca Cc: Council@vaughan.ca Subject: [External] Highway 413

Hello Mayor and council,

I am emailing to express my great concern over the proposed Highway 413.

This road will cut through the key green spaces in Vaughan, including land within the Greenbelt. As we have seen during the pandemic, the preservation of local sources of food, as with other necessities, is crucial. It will also cut through a key conservation area. As Vaughan intensifies, we will come to value our green space more and more. People without backyards will be craving green space. Once it is gone, there is no going back. Now is when we need to be protecting this vital land. Vaughan seems to be getting serious with their plans for an agricultural policy. If this highway goes forward, it will be two steps forward and 10 backward.

Studies have shown that the highway will not save much time for commuters or commercial traffic. Highway 407 is under utilized, and could provide a better route for truck traffic for billions less than building a new highway.

The future is becoming clearer - all over the world, forward looking cities are working to reduce our reliance on cars. We do not want to be stuck with the mistakes resulting from outdated thinking.

Please make every effort to stop this highway from being built.

Thank you,

Jamie Maynard

Woodbridge, Ontario