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Subject: [External] Item #8 for Committee of the Whole to be held April 7, 2021

Response to the information provided regarding Item #8 for the Committee of the Whole being held on April 7, 2021. (extend new transit boundaries that will require development intensification in the future. The boundary changes for Keele/Rutherford is at the request of a developer.)

Need for Intensification???

- Many of the residents in the Keele/Rutherford Road area have no idea that the proposed changes are being requested by York Region and how much the changes will impact their day-to-day lives.
- Would it be possible to send a diagram of the maximum level of development to the nearby communities along with a brief explanation of the impact this would generate prior to any decisions being made on behalf of the residents???

Social Impact on Existing Community

- The stores and services located on 3 of the 4 corners (as well as to the north, south and west of the Rutherford/Keele intersection) provide many services that local residents and the industrial community to the south depend on. Many citizens walk to these businesses.
- Elimination of these services will negatively impact the community and surrounding areas because it will force everyone to get into their cars and drive to another part of town that will still provide these services. It will add to the traffic pressure already present on both Keele St. and Rutherford Road.

Traffic Impact

- Traffic is a problem now (both on Major Mackenzie and Rutherford Road--our 2 main arterial

roads that run east out of Maple).

- There is also an elementary school just north of this intersection.
- Council will have to address/mitigate the traffic caused by these developments.

Request/Considerations

If the proposal does go forward, please request the following:

- The bottom 2 floors of all new buildings must be designated as *commercial* to allow current businesses to have an opportunity to stay in the community where they are needed and known. I'm sure they have been severely affected by Covid-19 restrictions and these new proposals will adversely affect them even more.
- Limit the number of parking spaces in each new building to encourage tenants to use the nearby transit hub.

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