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**Subject:** [External] Velmar and Rutherford Development

To The Mayor and City Councillors of Vaughan,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development at Velmar and Rutherford. The community does not have the infrastructure for the proposed development. Our neighbourhood already deals with traffic due to poor city planning. People use Orr and Velmar to bypass Rutherford and Weston Road bringing unnecessary traffic into the area. This will only be further exasperated by this proposed development. In addition, the park that is currently there, is the only park in our subdivision. We need to protect the dwindling green spaces that we have. It would be reckless for this development to go through. I urge you, along with the members of my community, your taxpayers to stop this from going any further. To try and push this along during a pandemic when proper traffic studies cannot be conducted properly is a disservice to the people of Vaughan. Please learn from the mistakes of previous developments, how many accidents take place in front of Vaughan Mills due to poor planning of a plaza in front of a mall? I foresee the same problems here. The integrity of the area cannot be changed to meet the demands of such a development. Rutherford is already too busy and so are the side streets leading onto it. Sincerely,

Carmela Santomieri