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Subject: [External] Weston Downs

I am a resident of Weston Downs, and deeply concerned about the decision you are about to make on the proposed 6 story condominium at the corner of Velmar and Rutherford road.

I have attended a few council and special meetings and have been impressed by the careful consideration and deep thought you have given in weighing all the decisions you have been required to make and am confident you will apply the same process in this case.

I am sure you have received many inputs about increased traffic density in the community, which has been of deep concern, extensively studied, but unresolved pre- Covid 19. Clearly the proposed condo will make the situation much worse.

Another, perhaps deeper concern, is the PRECEDENT you will be setting if you approve this development. Weston Downs is a community of "real" executive homes, appraised at much higher valuations than most surrounding developments, and consequently contributing higher property taxes. Occupants of these homes are more prosperous than most because they have been highly MOTIVATED and applied themselves diligently in their careers. Their contributions have created a better society with better jobs, more opportunities, and an improved lifestyle for many others besides themselves. But most started in smaller homes and worked their way up to these more luxurious homes.

The proposed development will reduce property values, increase congestion and diminish the quality of life for Weston Downs residents. The net effect will be a negative effect on motivation, which may seem trivial, but will actually chip away at people's willingness to make the many sacrifices required to make a greater contribution to society. Clearly, approving this development would set a precedent that will make it nearly impossible to deny the many similar requests that can be anticipated. I am deeply concerned that this would, over time, drive high achievers away from Vaughan, leaving behind a weaker, poorer society. Is this what we all want?

A final thought. There are many patches of land all over Vaughan where higher density buildings can be constructed

without affecting existing communities.

I urge you to deny this proposal.

Sincerely

David Shaw. Resident of Village Green Drive in Weston Downs.

Sent from my iPad