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**From:** Valerie Burke [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** [External] Development at Yonge and Steeles

Dear Mr. Coles,

Please register my objection to the proposed development plans within the Yonge & Steeles neighbourhood.

During this crucial period of heightened awareness of the importance of protecting our environment to ensure our health and wellness, it is imperative the development incorporate leading-edge sustainability initiatives! Such initiatives include energy and water conservation, zero stormwater runoff, mitigation of heat island effect and wind tunneling. Bird friendly and night sky compliant standards must be included to protect people and wildlife from the harmful effects of light pollution. Lighting should be downward facing and window design abide by bird friendly standards to protect migratory birds and resident birds from getting killed/injured from collisions with glass windows.

The Yonge-Steeles area is a significant gateway to the City of Vaughan and special attention needs to be given to the beauty and comfort of the public realm. The building should be set back from the road to provide ample space with green, living landscaping to enhance the pedestrian experience. Our knowledge, living through the Covid pandemic, has underscored the need for parkland, greenspace and trees and beautiful public spaces. The project should promote health and wellness.

I am also very concerned about the excessive height and density and its impact on the existing neighbourhood. It is of paramount importance that the proposed density and height align with the Secondary Plan and that the design be an enhancement to the surrounding neighbourhood. It is my sincere hope that the development will be planned and constructed with sensitivity to the neighbourhood and become a source of pride, not loathing.

Sincerely,

Valerie Burke

Thornhill Resident