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Subject: [External] Proposed Dog Park —Sports Village Park

Good afternoon,

I trust this email finds you well.

My name is Laura Rinaldo and I am the President of the South Maple Ratepayers Association.

The SMRPA and residents, are in consensus that we are opposed to the proposal of an off-leash dog park at the Sports Village Park.

Firstly, I would like to point out that we have made our name and our voices heard the last few years during our opposition to the expansion of the Sports Village. It would have been greatly appreciated to be consulted on how we felt about having an off-leash dog park on Hollybush, prior to adding the Sports Village park as a proposed area. While I can appreciate there will be interest throughout the community, the residents of Hollybush, and local area, do not look forward to the issues an off-leash dog park will present to our established neighbourhood.

In the last 20 years, many residents in our area, including myself, requested a play park for the children of the area. The COV always came back advising that this was an unavailable option. My heart goes out to dog owners but if we can't provide a play area for children, I don't know why we would entertain the idea of a play park for dogs.

This park, in particular, has a history of being poorly maintained by both the Mentana Group, who run and operate the Sports Village, and the City of Vaughan. Having an off-leash dog park can only exacerbate this issue.

Parking is another issue. This type of park will invite many residents of Vaughan to come into our residential area and park on our streets (Hollybush, Seafield, Glenside). Inviting outside residents to park in a residential area raises many safety issues in itself, again, thinking of the many children that play in the area.

We are sure that with your other proposed areas you will find an appropriate location that is not disruptive to an existing residential area. Once again, I would like to reiterate that this park in particular has a poor history of being maintained. To invite all of Vaughan to use this area for their dogs will make our neighbourhood extremely vulnerable to an unkept and dirty area, and bring unwanted traffic to our peaceful community.

We kindly ask that the Sports Village be removed as a proposed area for the off-leash dog park and that a more suitable location be considered.

For example, the new Maple Park.

This area has many available acres and a dog park would make sense considering it is an area open for Vaughan residents to attend and enjoy.

We trust that the Vaughan Regional and Local Councillors, and our Mayor, will vote in favour of the community on June 2nd at the Community of the Whole Working Session.

Thank you and stay well.

Regards,
Laura Rinaldo
President, SMRPA

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SMRPA, President