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Hello,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am a resident of Hollybush Drive and I would like to state that I am opposed to an off-leash dog park on the Sports Village District park. I myself am a dog owner and I find that a dog park in this already established residential area will be a problem. The existing dog park in Concord has no residential homes within 250m of the park. This proposed area at the sports village will have homes less than 40m away. Residents will be waking up and going to sleep with the constant barking and noise from a dog park. There will be increased traffic in this residential area in an already busy park. The park is currently not maintained to a high standard. Recently, garbage cans have been overflowing for example, how much worse will it be with the increase in foot traffic and vehicle traffic?

Prior to any additions to any park, there should be a full-scale needs assessment completed to see what the community is lacking and what the residents as a whole would like to see. A complete plan for the park development should be put into place for every park instead of the piece meal process that seems to be taking place. The Sports Village park needs more amenities for ALL residents to enjoy before a dog park is even considered. For example, we have many elderly residents in this area that would benefit greatly by having more benches installed, covered sitting areas and even game tables for a game of chess. Also, there is no playground on the entire 33 acres of this land. I have lived here for 20 years and would have loved a playground for my children, the kids that live here now, would love a playground or even a splash pad. Sports Village park is situated in block 25, there is only one tennis court in the entire Block 25. How about a tennis court on the Sports Village park? My point is, there are many items a park situated in an established residential community should have well before the money is spent on a dog park. I love dogs but I prefer my tax dollars spent on amenities for children and the elderly first. A **full and complete survey** should be brought to ALL the residents of this community as well as the local Ratepayer's group.

The 2016 Primary Off-Leash Dog Area West of Highway 400 Report showed parks west of highway 400 that would be ideal. Why would a second dog park east of the 400 be placed prior to one being added on the west end of the City? If a dog park needs to be placed somewhere in Maple, there are many other parks in residential areas that already have amenities for the community and a dog park may be a welcomed addition. The Sports Village District Park has two, a short walking path and a baseball diamond. Our outdoor skate path was not maintained and deteriorated beyond repair over 17 years ago. It's time the residents of this area, both young and old, have more amenities to enjoy thus helping to achieve one of the values stated in the **Vaughan Accord**, "Strive to achieve the best possible quality of life and standard of living for Vaughan residents".

I oppose a dog park at the Sports Village park.

*Mario Marmora*