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Subject: [External] RESPONSE TO YORK REGION'S REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT 7

Vaughan Council,

I urge to support staff on this matter and not support the developers request. These are greenbelt designated lands and it is not within Vaughan Council's jurisdiction to make a decision about the fate of these lands as is clearly indicated in the MMHA letter sent on behalf of TACC.

Even though the Province has clearly indicated that the Greenbelt is to be protected and expanded they are not living up to their promises. This group of developers have already received special treatment through approval of a MZO request for development of these lands. Their MZO request had included parkland on Greenbelt designated land which is clearly not permitted. The MZO did not approve the request for this parkland and now they are requesting a ROPA. This group of developers have been attempting to downgrade the natural heritage and core features on these lands at least since 2015 when they opposed the approval of Vaughan's natural heritage network and designation of core features.

Greenbelt fingers is a policy direction currently under review by York Region and I urge Council to follow and wait for staff advice and direction to address the land use and designation of these lands. There is nothing stopping this group of developers other than themselves because they are unwilling to comply with the Greenbelt Plan and land use designations, they have no regard for the protection of natural heritage and core features. There is a climate emergency we can no longer develop in the manner these builders and developers advocate and local councils must be strong and reaffirm this message.

Thank you,
Irene Zeppieri