

COMMUNICATION C17
ITEM NO. 5
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(PUBLIC MEETING)
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From: Mary Ciampa [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 11:47 AM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Official Plan Amendment File OP.11.012 3660 Rutherford Rd

I am writing with regards to files OP.11.012 and Z.11.043 (3660 Rutherford Rd.) development.

I am in opposition of this development as it affects the safety and wellbeing of the residents of the Vellore Woods.

My family and I are original owners of a home in this subdivision for 21 years. I watched the above mentioned land be stripped down of a forested area with over 20 ft trees within the first six months of living here and the lot has been vacant ever since. The area should have been left forested as was until confirmed plans of construction were made. Twenty years of trees that are a necessity of life to everyone and everything, destroyed. Deforestation is a part of climate change and every effort sound be made by developers to leave these areas unspoiled until it comes time for them to really make their money when construction commences. In the end, we can fight all we want but money always wins.

I am in opposition of this development as it impacts our safety and well-being here in the community. We have roads that were improperly planned when this subdivision was built and it is not easy to exit this subdivision on a normal day. The community has grown immensely and traffic is a problem on Rutherford Rd., Major Mackenzie, Weston Rd and of course Hwy 400. We are surrounded by all these roads and many of the people who live in this area are impacted by the traffic surrounding us. Many drivers use Vellore Woods Blvd and Hawkview Blvd as a short cut to the 400 to avoid backed-up, congested intersections of Rutherford and Weston Rd. The only bit of relief we've experienced from this traffic congestion has been due to Covid 19. A virus is what has offered some type of normalcy on our roads in this subdivision. We have a school on Vellore Woods Blvd., St Emily which also impacts traffic in this area. With the development of much more commercial plazas and a hospital in the past years, our subdivision has taken on even more traffic. Many years ago we were told at a council meeting the entrance to Vellore Woods off Rutherford Rd would have a roundabout and would try to be kept more private of an entrance for the inhabitants of Vellore Woods to make up for the mistake made with Hawkview Blvd by the developer. That did not happen. Vellore Woods Blvd south of Hawkview Blvd is a traffic congestion sore and daily used short cut to Rutherford Rd. and Hwy 400. When there are accidents on any of the major roads i.e. Weston Rd; Rutherford Rd; Hwy 400; Major MacKenzie or any other Roads outside of those, Vellore Woods Boulevard is used to escape the traffic or road closures and there have been lineups running north and south of up to an hour. It is difficult to exit our subdivision at these times and if there were an emergency of life or death, an emergency vehicle's time would be doubled if not more to get to that emergency.

Traffic and safety are something we've been dealing with for many years and having 2-12 storey condos; a six storey and more townhouses planned for development off of Hawkview Blvd will be complete chaos. This road is already a disaster with street parking and is the narrowest of roads entering a subdivision as large as ours possibly ever built.

There is already a new development of townhomes planned for Comdel Blvd and that was more private land someone has and is making money from. This means more traffic as well.

We are left to deal with the changes and troubles that come with these improperly planned developments while others make money. We are the ones who have to deal with the repercussions of all the errors made by improper planning.

Development of 3660 Rutherford Road needs to be planned keeping in mind the residents of this subdivision and what they have to deal with. Condominiums of this height and all their inhabitants need to be kept in areas that can support this kind of infrastructure and our subdivision cannot!

I am opposed to this development and would like to be kept informed of meetings and anything pertaining to this land.

Sincerely,

Mary Ciampa

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