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His Worship Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua and
Members of the Committee of the Whole
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Urgent: For Immediate Delivery

Attention: Ms. Barbara McEwan, City Clerk

Your Worship and Members of Committee:

**Re: Committee of the Whole Meeting, May 8, 2018
Item 4 – Refusal Report
9681 Islington Avenue, City of Vaughan (the “Subject Lands”)
Official Plan Amendment File OP.16.010
Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.16.039 (collectively, the “Applications”)
L.P.A.T. Case No. PL170836**

We are counsel to Gatehollow Estates Inc., the owner of the Subject Lands and proponent of the Applications, which are currently before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (the “Tribunal”) and the subject of Item 4 on your agenda.

We have reviewed staff’s May 8, 2018 Report recommending that the Applications be refused (the “Report”). Our client, its consultants and we are frankly shocked by the Report.

The direction and analysis in the Report were not revealed to any of us before it was published, notwithstanding numerous discussions and meetings with staff both before and after the Applications were submitted. In fact, following the filing of the original Applications in August of 2016 and receiving feedback from staff, our client submitted a revised proposal on January 19, 2018 which was directly responsive to the issues identified to that point. We understood that planning staff were supportive of the Applications; their comments over the course of the last 18 months were focused on height and design. The “principle of development” issues identified in the Report were never raised.

Leaving all of that aside, and in a continued spirit of good faith engagement with the City, our client remains committed to working with you, City staff and external counsel to resolve this matter amicably at the Tribunal. We look forward to that.

Yours sincerely,
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