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Mayor and Members of Council City of Vaughan 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

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ATTENTION: CLERKS DEPARTMENT

RE: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – SEPTEMBER 4th, 2012 ITEM #41 FENCE HEIGHT EXEMPTION - 25 AND 31 FIORELLO COURT CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

Please find attached a Letter of Certification from the legal surveyors of Rady-Pentek & Edward Surveying Ltd.

Included in this letter are specific measurements of all fences installed by the Developer's contractor within the above captioned subdivision. The Ontario Land Surveyor verifies and certifies that all fences installed by the Developer are as per the approved engineering drawings and Subdivision Agreement.

Therefore, staff and/or others may have provided you incorrect and misleading information that the Developers or Builders have installed fences that materially exceed the By-Laws or site specific agreements. This is obviously incorrect and may actually be malicious and intentional for either selfish or veiled motives.

In our opinion, the fences installed at 25 and 31 Fiorello Court significantly exceed the height restrictions within your by-law and were installed with complete knowledge of this breach. Such fences and exemptions are in no way consistent with the approved engineering drawings, Subdivision Agreement, or the Architectural Control of the subdivision.

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Council should also be very concerned about setting a precedent when it comes to the "Assumption" of the subdivision, i.e. will the City be allowing others to install fences at whatever heights, colours, materials that they wish? Will the City be allowing curb-cuts and driveways that exceed the By-Law? How about hardlandscaping that breaches the requirements? Will the City allow catch basins or water-courses to be compromised? etc... As you know, these are all very real potential infractions that we must all deal with at the appropriate time. By allowing such exemptions to one or two homeowners now, will set such an erroneous precedent that will serve to be irreversible, and expose the City, the Developer, and the Builders to other serious challenges.

We therefore suggest that you give this matter some very serious thought, and strongly suggest that you **deny** the aforementioned fence height exemptions.

Notwithstanding the above, we also wish to clarify that Arista Homes did not install any of the fencing within this subdivision. Arista Homes also takes great exception to some of the comments and allegations made by either staff, the deputations, and/or members of council. We hereby request that such false comments and allegations be retracted forthwith, and a written apology be submitted to the Developer and Builders within this subdivision.

Thank you for your serious consideration to all of the information contained herewith.

Yours truly, ARISTA HOMES LTD.

Michael DeGasperis President & CEO

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Greenbrooke Developments Inc. 100 Zenway Blvd Woodbridge, Ontario L4H 2Y7

ATTENTION: MR. SAM SPERANZA

Dear Mr. Speranza:

RE: FENCE HEIGHTS VAUGHAN VALLEY ESTATES SUBDIVISION REG PLAN 65M-4106 – GREENBROOKE DEVELOPMENT COLD CREEK ESTATES

As per the attached field note, we have site measured the height of the privacy fencing and acoustical fencing within the above mentioned subdivision that has been installed by your forces and certify them as follows;

- Our measurements show that the privacy fence heights vary between 6'0" (1.83 metres) to 6'5" (1.96 metres) due to grade conditions.
- As to the acoustical fencing (at Weston Road), it varies from 6'7" (2 metres) to 8'3" (2.5 metres).

We have reviewed the acoustical fencing heights as set out in the approved engineering drawings as well as the Subdivision Agreement and the site measurements verify that these fence heights comply with the requirements.

Yours truly, Rady-Pentek & Edward Surveying Ltd.

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Paul Edward, Ontario Land Surveyor

cc: Arista Homes Fieldgate Developments



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ATTENTION: CLERKS DEPARTMENT

RE: OBJECTION TO REQUEST FOR FENCE HEIGHT EXEMPTION LOT 35 & 31 FIORELLO COURT REGISTERED PLAN 65M-4106

Arista Homes is the builder of all the homes on Fiorello Court and of 50% of the homes in the Vaughan Valley Estates subdivision.

We oppose this fence height exemption based on the following:

We, along with the City have worked very hard to produce Architectural Design and Control Guidelines which would make this subdivision exclusive in its design and character in the City of Vaughan.

Within these architectural guidelines we further enhanced the subdivision's appearance by establishing the lots north of Stanton Avenue as an executive residential enclave. Both of the above mentioned homes are located within this enclave and have benefited by these stringent guidelines.

Section 7.6 of the Block 40 south Architectural Design Guidelines deals with corner lot privacy fencing and stipulates a maximum height of 6' or 1.8m. Also, as you know the City's current fence By-Law 80-90 stipulates the same maximum height.

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Arista Homes' staff have attended the subdivision to take measurements of the existing fences and can confirm that all fencing except for the acoustical fencing along the west side of Weston Road (north and south ends only) conform to both the architectural guidelines and By-Law 80-90. This is strictly due to the proximity and traffic on Weston Road.

Notwithstanding all of the above, all acoustical fencing is covered under the Subdivision Agreement between the City of Vaughan and the developer which even supersedes both By-Law 80-90 and the Architectural Design and Control guidelines.

In conclusion we have worked very hard to produce a subdivision that is uniform in appearance and features, as well as conforms to the Architectural Control Guidelines and by-laws mandated by the City of Vaughan during the development process. To now allow exemptions to the fence height restrictions will result in disruption to the subdivision's overall character and appearance as stipulated above. It would also encourage further breaches of your by-laws, whereby we as the builders and developers that have yet to obtain assumption of the subdivision, are not prepared to accept. Fence Height Exemption City of Vaughan August 31st, 2012 Page 3

Therefore, we reiterate that we are opposed to these exemptions, and wish to remind the City of their own by-laws, restrictions, Subdivision Agreement and Architectural Control Guidelines.

Yours truly, ARISTA HOMES (VAUGHAN VALLEY ESTATES) INC.

Ron Protocky VP Construction

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ATTENTION: CLERKS DEPARTMENT

RE: LOT CORRECTION TO OBJECTION TO REQUEST FOR FENCE HEIGHT EXEMPTION LOT 25 & 31 FIORELLO COURT REGISTERED PLAN 65M-4106

Please note that the above mentioned letter from Arista Homes (Vaughan Valley Estates) Inc. had an error in that the homes in question should be 25 and 31 Fiorello Court and not 35 & 31 Fiorello Court.

Please adjust your records accordingly and accept my apologies for this error.

Yours truly, ARISTA HOMES (VAUGHAN VALLEY ESTATES) INC.

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