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Pine Grove Road East  
Woodbridge, ON

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COMMUNICATION  
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City of Vaughan: Development Planning Department  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Ms. Diana DiGirolamo,

"There's no place like home" are the famous lines Dorothy repeats at the end of the Wizard of Oz as she finally makes it home. When my husband and I began searching for our home in the early 1990s there was nothing more important than finding our dream home with the perfect backyard. You could say we embarked on a journey similar to Dorothy. She followed the yellow brick road to Oz and we followed Islington Avenue northbound meeting the big, blue sign welcoming us into Vaughan: "The City Above Toronto."

We read that billboard each time we drove here – many nights after work and many weekend visits (remember, there was no www.Realtor.com back then). We searched all of Woodbridge, Maple, and Kleinburg. Finally, we found our forever home on Pine Grove Road East, just off Pine Valley Road.

For me, there really is no place like home. It is full of love, tradition, and a sense of serenity. This home provided a location perfect for creating those feelings. It is where we have fostered traditions that our children and their families will continue decades to come.

When searching for this home, we were very specific. That is why it took so long. We required a large ravine backyard with no obstructions for our agricultural needs and our love of the outdoors. My husband's passions include gardening and I love bird watching. Being married for 51 years this coming February we pride ourselves on the traditions of yielding our own produce that makes sauce, sun-dried tomatoes, and preserves for our children and their families. That is what it means to be at home.

The proposed development infringes on my home's privacy and the traditions we've worked for over 50 years to cultivate. Our sense of serenity and calm are already being taken from us. The beautiful trees that lined our neighbours' property from our unobstructed ravine view of over 225 feet have been removed. Proposed plans include a 3-storey wall. This will directly block our garden. This will directly impact the amount of sunlight our garden receives. Therefore, directly impacting our yield.

The excessive noise resulting from the development will become problematic as well. We have worked a long time to enjoy our retirement years and look forward to our outdoor space. Already, this has been impacted by an unpleasant view last week with an employee urinating in what was our neighbour's backyard.

Before you begin this development on Pine Valley please consider accommodating our view by replanting maturing trees along our fence line. Consider the placement of Block A so that it does not directly impact the homes on Pine Grove Road East who have been living here upwards of 23 years.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience regarding the development that is affecting my property – the place that really is our home.

Sincerely,

Maria Di Pasquale