

Good afternoon,

My name is Joe Collura & I live at [REDACTED] Via Borghese. I have submitted a very comprehensive response I hope will be given proper attention. In addition, I am here to voice my strong objection to the proposed application(s). While there are numerous issues contained within the proposal, some common themes include:

1. **Urban Design- maintaining consistency** - Significant contradiction to the Vaughan Official Plan
2. **Land Use- compatibility with context** - Unreasonable Intensification including unnecessary rezoning
3. **Natural Environment-** Diminishes the existing environmental benefits as the proposal is adjacent to Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) & Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs)

An Official Plan Amendment, by its very nature, is an acknowledgement that the proposed development DOES NOT meet existing policies & requires changes to suit the application. Is it the position of the City of Vaughan to bend or change policies, meant to protect the environment, respect & reinforce existing communities & support reasonable growth, simply to suit development applications that clearly ignore established policies???

Why has the larger community not been engaged as has been the case with other developments within the immediate community? Why wouldn't our voices matter in the same way? I would imagine building consensus is a goal we all share & I trust that includes incorporating what is important to your residents just as it is development applications!

Some additional points of relevance include the fact that the:

- Subject lands & immediate area are **NOT** classified as Intensification Area
- Subject lands & immediate area are **NOT** classified as Intensification Corridor
- Subject lands & immediate area have already absorbed **ABOVE AVERAGE INTENSIFICATION** with a significant amount of volume still pending
- Subject lands & immediate area are zoned Rural Residential & would **NOT** allow for proposal urban design
- Subject lands & immediate area identified & reaffirmed as large lot neighbourhood & any proposed infill should **NOT significantly disrupt or change the character of the neighbourhood**
- Urban design & compatibility within current proposal does **NOT** respect or reinforce character of existing community

This community has come together to represent what is reasonable. In doing so, it has spent countless hours, days, weeks, months, researching policies & engaging officials at all levels of government, to ensure our arguments remain relevant & are reasonable. Aside from holding our city officials accountable, we do this for each other & for our families.

The community believes more discussion is warranted so we may arrive at a solution that addresses all stakeholder needs. This is not about stopping development, it is about supporting reasonable growth in our fair City!

There has been little of late to instill confidence that reasonable growth is being balanced with the wishes of the very community this committee is meant to represent. It feels as though our leadership is losing touch with the grass roots issues that matter most. We need leaders to lead, not follow. Make us believe you are the leaders we hope you can be!