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| COMMUNICATION | |
| CW - | SEPT. 2/14 |
| ITEM - | 12 |

RE: Application for Block Plan Approval BL.40/47.2300 Block 40/47 Developers Group Inc.,
Ward 3, Vicinity of Pine Valley Drive and Teston Road – Compatibility with Adjacent
Rural Uses

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is Canada's largest voluntary general farm organization, representing more than 37,000 farm family businesses across Ontario. These farm businesses form the backbone of a robust food system and rural communities with the potential to drive the Ontario economy forward.

The OFA supports David Toyne's request for a buffer to protect farms in the Greenbelt from adjacent non-farm development.

Active agricultural operations can, from time to time, produce odours, noises, dust, etc. that may interfere with neighbouring land uses. Adequate separation of active agricultural uses from neighbouring non-farm land uses is the best means to lessen the impacts of these odours, noises, dust, etc. on neighbouring non-farm land uses.

The OFA believes that this buffer should be required, and that it should be located on the developer's side of the boundary between farmland and adjacent non-farm development, so that it does not negatively impact the farmer's ability to continue to utilize all of their land for farming purposes.

I thank you for your consideration of our request.

Yours truly,

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Senior Farm Policy Researcher

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cc: York Federation of Agriculture
Leah Emms; OFA Member Service Representative; York, Peel, Simcoe