

January 22, 2014

City of Vaughan
Development Services Department
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Attention: Carol Birch, Planner

Dear Ms. Birch:

RE: Official Plan Amendment File Op.13.013 and Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.13.036

9000 Bathurst Street - West Side of Bathurst Street, South of Rutherford

As a homeowner and resident of the Thornhill Woods community I would like to express my concern and objection to the amendments proposed in the above captioned files. The subject lands are currently designated "Low Rise Residential" in the new City of Vaughan Official Plan; adopted by Council in 2010 after a vigorous three-year undertaking as part of the City's integrated Growth Management Strategy.

It is not appropriate to have high rise development introduced in a stable low rise residential community. Such development would be out of character with the neighbouring existing community of low rise residential and open space uses. High rise and mixed-use developments are more appropriately directed to major intersections, such as Bathurst and Rutherford, or to designated centres such as Carrville Centre; consistent with the directions of the City's newly adopted official plan.

Furthermore, the proposed mix of high rise, mid-rise, institutional and commercial will have negative effects on an already strained road network.

Finally, I am disappointed to see this item going to Committee of the Whole without any previous public open house or consultation/discussion with local area residents.

Thank you in advance for considering my points on this matter. I would like to be kept apprised on this file and any decisions or future meetings related to it. Please add me to your distribution list at the address or email below.

Sincerely,

Talia Delaney