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For: **DEVELOPMENT PLANNING DEPARTMENT**, city of Vaughan  
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**Subject: OBJECTION TO APPLICATION OP.13.013 and Z.13.036**

Location: 9000 Bathurst Street - West side of Bathurst Street, south of Rutherford

Applicant: Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto

I am a resident of Thornhill Woods community and strongly oppose to applications OP.13.013 re-development and Z.13.036 re-zoning of property at 9000 Bathurst Street - West side of Bathurst Street, south of Rutherford submitted to Development Planning Department, City of Vaughan.

**I strongly recommend refusing the application for the following main reasons:**

1. **Low Density Residential area:** our community was built with the facilities and infrastructures for low density community. The facilities and infrastructures are not capable and were not design to absorb such increase in population. In addition there is a height in our community that is low height residential area that is highly incompatible with the proposed application "high rise mixed use designation".

2. **Overcrowding and Safety:** The safety of our community should be the number one priority. The Thornhill Woods area is already overcrowded that now consist of single, semidetached homes and townhouses. People already park during the night time on the streets with their cars. There are streets in Thornhill Woods community that are not cleared from snow because of people that park on the sides and the designated snow removal trucks cannot get it in to clear the street from snow. It is not safe for our children and for us to drive on roads that are not cleared. **The schools in our community are already overcrowded**, the classes are full and some of the students now have to study in portable classes outside of a permanent building without washrooms. **The problems are already here. The area is already overcrowded.** Please don't ignore the problems and create new problems to our community.

3. **Traffic congestion:** Our neighborhood and streets surrounding the proposed zoning area are already abnormally riddled with traffic jams, Motor Vehicle accidents, pollution and noise. The new high rise proposed development will increase at least by hundreds of the amount of cars in the roads in our Thornhill Woods community. **The proposed location is far away from main highways that can absorb such huge amount of traffic and cars.** Even now, Bathurst Street is already one of the busiest and jammed streets in Vaughan. There is no place for additional increase in population without changing the condition and traffic on the roads.

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4. **Environmental Concerns:** The zone in file Z.13.036 is a beautiful and natural land that we must preserve in our community. The trees in that land prevent from the pollution to spread. The new residence houses in Thornhill Woods area (closed to Rutherford) are already built without sidewalks on most of the streets and without any single tree on the streets. That is not a green community that we want to raise our children in!

5. **Quality of Life:** Our quality of life depends on our decision. My decision was to move to Thornhill Woods area when it was considered a quiet and nice area with natural land and trees. Please allow all of our community to continue and enjoy the nature, the trees, and the animals. That is why we have chosen to live outside the big and high rise crowded population of the city. Please allow this area to remain unchanged and move the request of the project to more suitable area.

For the following reasons given above, I strongly recommend not to accept the applications OP.13.013 and Z.13.036 and move it more suitable environment.

Best Regards,

**SVET PAVLOVSKY**

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