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From: Abrams, Jeffrey
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2014 9:03 PM
To: Britto, John
Cc: McEwan, Barbara
Subject: Fw: File Numbers:OP.13.013, and Z.13.036

From: Racco, Sandra
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2014 6:48 PM
To: Boris Barapp
Cc: Mayor and Members of Council; Abrams, Jeffrey; Furfaro, Cindy
Subject: RE: File Numbers:OP.13.013, and Z.13.036

Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Barapp for your letter which will be included as a submission to the OP.13.013 and Z.13.036 item on the Public Meeting agenda of February 4, 2014.

I, along with my colleagues, appreciate your comments and will certainly take all the comments into consideration.

As you know, as this is a public hearing, we will be hearing from everyone that may be speaking for or against this application and staff will be taking all the comments into consideration when preparing their report to Committee. Traffic and parking impact will be something we will be seriously looking at as well.

We look forward to hearing from you on the 4th of Feb.

Have a great weekend!!!

Sandra Young Racco
Councillor, Concord/North Thornhill
City of Vaughan

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From: Boris Barapp [<mailto:abbarapp@sympatico.ca>]
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2014 9:25 PM
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Cc: Mayor and Members of Council; Racco, Sandra
Subject: File Numbers:OP.13.013, and Z.13.036

Dear Mr. Abrams,

Please consider the attached letter as a reply of the people living in Thornhill Woods area on the letter received from you dated November 26, 2013 regarding the new development in this area on the territory of the Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto.

Please ensure that this letter is presented to the Mayor of the City of Vaughan Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua and the Members of Council before the Public Meeting on Feb. 4, 2014.

Please confirm receiving of this e-mail.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alice and Boris Barapp

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P.S. This letter will be forwarding to the City TV and the local newspaper.

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January 15, 2014

City of Vaughan – Development Planning Department
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Re: File Numbers: OP.13.013, and Z.13.036
File Name: Islamic Shea Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto

Attn.: Jeffrey A. Abrams

We've received the letter from you dated November 26, 2013 where you have informed us regarding the above-noted application.

I am writing this letter on behalf of residents living in Thornhill Woods area.

All the residents who did receive the letter appreciate that you informed us in advance regarding the new development in Thornhill Woods and regarding the Public meeting on Feb.4 that we are planning to attend.

We, the residents of the Thornhill Woods area, ask you to consider the following before making the final decision:

1. As per attached plan the application includes construction of 2 hi-rise 17 stores buildings, townhouses and the school at the corner of New Israel and Bathurst St. We hope that you are aware of the traffic problem on Bathurst St. and that the people are spending hours in traffic to get home. It will create more traffic in the residential area and on the main streets since it's not an addition of a few extra houses – it's a high density buildings.
2. The current situation is that during the high holidays that happen very often in this area you can find a lot of cars are parked all over the small streets around the Islamic centre. Especially it hurts the small streets like Knightshade Drive when the cars are parked on both sides of the street and the residents are not able to live the driveway since it's no room for them to live the drive out and proceed on the street. It creates the unsafe situation.

One "smart" decision has already been made by the City of Vaughan on reducing the amount of parking space (565 vs.750) that didn't consider the safe driving on the streets of the surrounding area. Due to this decision now they can submit another application to build hi-rise

buildings, townhouses and the school. However, as life shows the amount of parking spaces they have now is not enough since they are parking on the streets. Somehow it happens almost every weekend.

3. It's a low-rise area residential area and this is how it was planned when we all moved to Thornhill Woods. Now if the high-rise buildings are constructed, the area will be converted into mix: hi-rise and low-rise. It will decrease the value of the houses and create inconvenience for residents. If we wanted to live in this kind of mix area we wouldn't move to Thornhill Woods.

We all were really distressed with this application and hope that before making the final decision all the pros and cons will be evaluated and the opinion of the majority of people that are living not only in Thornhill Woods area but also in Thornhill and Richmond Hill area will be considered since it will affect the much bigger area due to additional traffic.

This matter is required your immediate attention. Please notify the Mayor of the City of Vaughan Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua and Members of Council regarding our concern and present this letter during the Public Meeting on February 4. In case of positive decision we will be proceeding with a legal action.

Please consider that this letter is a joint opinion of 947 Houses located in Thornhill Woods area who will be attending the Meeting on Feb.4, 2014

Thanks.

Sincerely,

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