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Subject: Objection to Proposed Development: OP.13.013 and Z.13.0.36 Location: 9000 Bathurst Street - West side of Bathurst Street, south of Rutherford Applicant: Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto

I would like to express my concerns about the proposed development at 9000 Bathurst Street. I have lived at 64 Cezanne Trail, Vaughan, ON L4J 9B9 for close to 10 years and planned to move to Hesperus Village a rent to income geared Seniors community in this neighbourhood as soon as a unit becomes available. I enjoyed the neighbourhood immensely.

This area is a mix of single family homes, town-home residences and green space. The proposed 17 story towers are incompatible with our current low density community. They do not respect local context, in particular the scale and proportions of surrounding structures and would be entirely out of character with this area to the detriment of the local environment.

The original neighbourhood plan does not provide the infrastructure to support high-density residential dwellings. If the two proposed 17 story towers are constructed, the increased density will adversely impact this community. As it stands the The Ja'ffari Community Centre does not have sufficient parking to accommodate all their membership and participants. Parking of many vehicles on roads in the neighbourhood is already an issue when events are held Centre. Navigating the roads in close proximity is already challenging and will just become more of an issue with the addition of close to 1000 residents in a highly concentrated area. Parking of vehicles on the roads ultimately results in increased traffic congestion. Traffic congestion comes with inherent dangers the least of which is air and noise pollution.

In recent years the area has become over crowded and traffic congestion is becoming a serious issue. I am personally aware of 2 traffic fatalities in this neighbourhood involving pedestrians in the past 12 months. It now takes close to 10 minutes to drive a distance of less than 2 km to exit the subdivision in the mornings. Prior to allowing this development to move forward it is imperative that we take a good look at current and potential traffic patterns to ensure the this neighbourhood is safe

for all the existing residents and most especially for the children of this community. Increased traffic congestion and parking are just some of the issues that will negatively impact this community. Other issues pertain to emergency services, air quality, noise pollution, water sewage, increased strain on neighbourhood public schools and amenities.

Allowing development of two 17 story glass and concrete towers along the beautiful wetlands of East Don River is environmentally irresponsible. These wet lands are home to wildlife (rabbits, red bellied robins, blue herons) and beautiful fauna and foliage.

This development will adversely impact Hesperus Village. Hesperus Village is a seniors community which opened in 1987 and is one of the earliest residential developments in this neighbourhood. It has been described as one of most idyllic seniors residences not only in Vaughan but in the GTA. It is currently home to 100 seniors. I don't suppose the developer will want to compensate the residents living at Hesperus Village for the many months of endless daytime noise, pollution from construction, increased traffic congestion, subsequent overshadowing and the havoc this construction will create on the organic garden that has been painstakingly nurtured for 15 years.

We along with over 1000 local community members have signed an online petition opposing this development . See link to petition <http://www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/9000bathurst> . Your support in promoting alternatives to the towers would be greatly appreciated by the voters and taxpayers of this community.

Sincerely,

Akiva & Julia Flier

Vaughan residents, taxpayers and voters

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