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From: Deborah Shure <dshure@rogers.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 10:04 AM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
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Subject: OP.13.013 and Z.13.036; applicant: Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto

To Whom It May Concern:

This email is to register my opposition to the above mentioned application. I have been a resident in Thornhill Woods since February 2002. Since moving here, there have been some expected changes in the landscape. Our backyard used to stretch all the way from south of Autumn Hill to Rutherford! The building of the low-density housing since then has been as per plan and of no issue. We have watched the neighbourhood grow, seen traffic increase, but at the same time we have seen the birth of a friendly and dynamic community. It has been everything we hoped for as our young family grows.

Concern over the proposed plan is mainly with respect to the impact it will have on our community. Building high density buildings is completely incompatible with the original vision for this area. We already see an enormous amount of traffic, especially when the Centre that is located on the property in question has an event. At those times, it is impossible to find a parking spot within 10 minutes walking distance from Ner Israel and Bathurst and I feel for the residents who live in that range; especially if they are having a gathering at the same time as the Centre. Add to that a massive increase in the volume of residents, which means a massive increase in the number of cars, the effects are felt throughout Thornhill Woods, and further, since the proposed changes to the area in question means a negative effect in quality of life and an increased concern for the safety of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Another concern is the safety of the seniors who would live in the proposed 17 storey building. As we know all too closely from the recent devastating news of the seniors building in Quebec, fire would be a grave concern especially when the building is too high for a fire ladder to reach, and the residents may not have full mobility.

The proposed plan also means disturbing the vibrant wildlife we currently enjoy along the river that runs by Thornhill Woods. This was another of the reasons our family moved to this area. It was to enjoy suburban life, while being able to access nature within walking distance from our home. It would be a shame to lose this.

Please take into consideration the current residents of Thornhill Woods who oppose this plan. We obviously welcome new housing since this has been in plan and continued for over 10 years, but in the form of low-density single dwelling homes, and not large high density buildings. We need a politician who is willing to fight this in order to preserve the beautiful community we have built.

Thank you for your time,
Deborah Shure
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