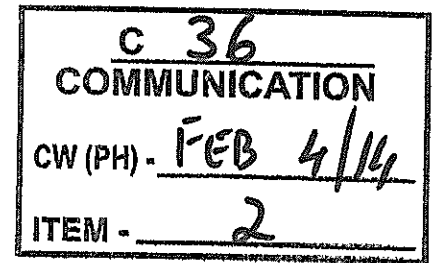


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Hello,

I am writing to you to express my & my family's deepest concerns regarding the new project proposed by the Islamic Shia Centre. File #s concerned are:

OP.13.013  
Z.13.036

We strongly the resent the proposed plan due to the following reasons:

1. Thornhill woods is a neighborhood made up of small residential units, contributing to low levels of population. Under the proposed plan, population in Thornhill Woods will increase drastically due to the number of residential units the Islamic centre wishes to add.
2. Our neighborhood has suburban features of mostly single homes, with some semi-detached and a few townhomes. We certainly do not want high rise buildings at the entrance to the neighborhood, visually destroying our aesthetic looks.
3. Environmentally, the Islamic centre is located on a beautiful ravine that we would like to preserve. There are no nature pathways in the proposed plan for resident to enjoy the East Don river. Instead, nature will be replaced by high rise buildings.
4. Schools in Thornhill woods are filled beyond capacity. Since there are no plans for additional schools, where will the hundreds of kids in the proposed developments be learning?
5. The proposed development is geared towards people of the Shia community who cannot afford other housings in Canada. This means that over 1,000 people who currently are either unemployed, or do not earn enough to live in this area on their own, will be moving in. Where will they shop? This is a high standard of living neighborhood. When people cannot afford a certain lifestyle, crime rate will increase.
6. An increased crime rate will lower the safety of current residents, who move here out of a desire for a safe community.
7. **I strongly resent the fact that the proposed plan will serve "members of the Shia community centre."** We live in Canada, where all people can reside freely wherever they want, and can use

the services of whatever venues they choose. If an area is being developed, it should be for the benefit of all people who are interested to use it. There should be no restrictions. **People who are interested in segregation, should not be moving into an existing, multicultural, community.**

To conclude, I hope that first priority in approving this plan is the wellbeing of current residents, who have always trusted the municipal government to ensure that their needs & safety are met. New amendments and developments are not always beneficial for the general public, and should be thoroughly analyzed before any decision can be made. Losing the existing contributing community will be of grave consequences to the the city of Vaughan.

Thanks,

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