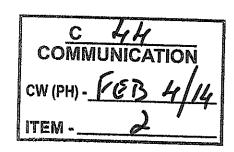
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RE: Objection to Proposed Development OP.13.013 and Z.13.0.36

Location: 9000 Bathurst Street

Applicant: Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto

To Whom It May Concern:

We are residents of Vaughan and are opposed to Applications OP.13.013 and Z.13.0.36 for rezoning and redevelopment of 9000 Bathurst Street. The redevelopment of the aforementioned land into a high density residential zone, with two high rise buildings, is incompatible with the surrounding low-density and single family zoning.

Traffic congestion in our area is already a problem. Both Bathurst Street and Dufferin Street experience traffic jams throughout the day. Allowing high rise developments to the area will only aggravate our already overly congested streets. In addition, parking overflow from this development will add to congestion on our main and side streets.

Our present infrastructure is inadequate for existing residents. Adding such a large development will only add to the problem. Has an infrastructure study been completed? How will existing schools and public services deal with this increase?

The environmental impact of this development cannot be measured. Agricultural zones are becoming fewer and fewer. The present plans leave only 10 meters to the bank of the Don River. This distance does not seem adequate for a 17 storey building. Erosion of the bank of the Don River will have long lasting and widespread repercussions. What will the effect be on the flora and fauna? What studies have been completed on this?

We are concerned development of this land with high density zoning will have a negative effect on our quality of life. The City of Vaughan will lose its beauty and desirability should it allow high rise buildings; therefore, we strongly oppose the above proposal and support retention of the existing zoning.

Sincerely,

Jaclyn and Jamie Belitz