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To Whom this May Concern,

We are residents of Vaughan and oppose the Applications #OP.13.013 and # Z.13.036 submitted to The City of Vaughan Council/Committee for re-zoning and re-development of property at 9000 Bathurst St. We are opposed to the rezoning and large development plan for the following reasons:

Traffic: Traffic going to and from Jaffari Village, the site of the proposed development, is already an issue for those of us on the streets nearby. The exit from Jaffari Village that leads to Ner Israel Drive allows drivers to use Knightshade to bypass traffic on Bathurst Street and cars speed down the Knightshade to and from the centre. Even without any further development we think that entrance should be closed off.

As it is now, Bathurst Street is often completely bumper to bumper traffic from seven o'clock in the morning, at the start of rush hour, until after nine o'clock and again from the time area schools let out in the afternoon until seven o'clock in the evening it is just as bad. That area of Bathurst has been the scene of many traffic accidents.

Adding thousands of residents to that traffic will mean even more congestion and will mean that more people will use our surrounding streets as they try to avoid Bathurst Street.

Parking: Currently any time there is an event at Jafari Village the neighbouring streets are crammed with the overflow of parked cars. By adding so many new residences the situation will only get worse. We are effected by the overflow of cars because it is difficult to get to our homes and our mailboxes and the cars pose a safety issue when walking with our children and our pets.

Environment: We were surprised to see how close to the East Don River and the the proposed development goes. I am concerned that the impact on the area has not been studied. We believe those are areas that should be protected and should be a priority to the City of Vaughan.

Density: We are very concerned that adding so many new homes along with such large towers will stress our area's services and utilities too far. These buildings would be the tallest buildings anywhere in the vicinity and would drastically impact the surrounding community. The area where the new development is planned is already busy and already impacts we who live on the neighbouring streets.

We oppose this proposed development and any changes to the current zoning.

Regards,
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