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My name is Jordan Kalpin and I live at 109 Serene Way, Thornhill, Ontario L4J 9A3.

The City of Vaughan recently mailed me a notice indicating that Islamic Shea Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto has filed an application with the City of Vaughan to change the zoning of the lands at 9000 Bathurst Street and to develop these lands into a complex containing a number of high rise residential buildings.

As a resident who lives within 150m of this potential development, I would like to add my voice to the majority of the residents in the area who are wholeheartedly against any proposal allowing high density development within the Thornhill Woods community. I would like to object to this zoning changes and the proposed plan for the following reasons:

1. Parking in and around the mosque is causing issues with the residents of my neighbourhood. A few years ago, The City of Vaughan granted the Islamic Shea Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto an exemption from having to build extra parking capacity within their property and this has caused a massive parking problem in the area. There is inadequate parking at this property and the streets surround this property are choked with parked cars on a weekly basis. During Islamic holidays, this problem is exponentially worse. The addition of 500+ residential homes within this property will multiply an already serious issue within the neighbourhood.
2. Traffic in and around Thornhill Woods is already gridlocked during morning and evening rush hours periods. The main arteries surrounding my neighbourhood (Bathurst, Rutherford, Dufferin) are often choked with cars and the addition of 500+ residential apartments will only continue to multiply this problem.
3. I am concerned that our schools, sewers, electrical capacity and water supplies are already at capacity for the neighbourhood. I cannot imagine the affect that the development of this property will have on are already limited infrastructure.
4. There is inadequate public transit in and around these lands. The buses are already filled to capacity during morning and evening rush hour.
5. I am concerned that the Islamic Shea Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto is building a property that will be restricted to residents of a particular religion or faith. In many ways, it appears that this development will create a so called "ghetto" in a city that has a long history of welcoming people from all backgrounds and faiths. A small complex of 20-30 residences might have been acceptable but when you plan to build 500-750 residences that will house 1200-1500 people...you are creating a de facto "ghetto". This is really unacceptable and might even create a human rights issue for the City.
6. I am very concerned that the approval of this application will create a precedent for future high rise development along the Bathurst Street corridor. Future developments without the increase in city infrastructure will turn our once quiet neighbourhood into problematic community of choked traffic, inadequate school, inadequate and hospital facilities.

Can you please add my name to the list of people who strongly object to this development application. I would also appreciate it if you can add me to any/all mailing lists for notification of meetings and/or changes to this application.

Thanks.

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