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ITEM - 2

To Whom it May Concern,

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I am a resident of Vaughan and strongly 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. I petition the City of Vaughan Planning Committee to refuse the application for the huge re-development of the above lands and development of 2 high rise buildings due to the following reasons:

1. Traffic Congestion – Our neighborhood and streets surrounding the proposed zoning area are already abnormally riddled with traffic jams, Motor Vehicle accidents, and noise. That section of Bathurst is constantly bumper to bumper traffic and approving a development to house thousands of new residents would seriously overload our neighborhood's roads. The surrounding neighborhoods are overrun with traffic currently, because drivers are avoiding traffic jams to enter the Islamic Center already. Adding thousands of new residents would be a traffic and safety nightmare on our roads. There are thousands of vehicles speeding through our quiet roads and we cannot accommodate even more.
2. Overcrowding and Safety– There are thousands of residents and every square inch of land has a development. I am shocked to see how many developments including townhomes, single homes were already approved in such a small area and oppose further developing of #OP.13.013 and # Z.13.036. There are too many proposed residences in this plan and I do not feel safe with adding thousands of new residents into the neighborhood from a traffic perspective, safety services access, and utilities services access. We already have cars whizzing by our house rushing to avoid traffic and I am very concerned for my family's safety.
3. Parking – Currently without the proposed development we have cars parked on every street in our neighborhood every night when gatherers attend the Jafari Village. With the proposed development there will be thousands of additional vehicles needing to park and they will continue to park on the surrounding roads.
4. Environmental – The proposed area is right along some of the most beautiful wetlands along the Don River and when I walk by it such a nice relief from the suburban sprawl and traffic to gaze away from Bathurst and see some actual wildlife and foliage. I have spotted Blue Herons, Salmon, and countless beautiful flora and fauna. I do not believe building two massive eye sore condos along that river is a environmentally responsible idea. We already saw the zoning amendment that allowed the cutting down mature evergreen trees along Bathurst off Ner Israel drive.

5. Quality of Life – There is already so much noise and light pollution in our area from Parking lighting, and traffic that I truly feel our quality of life and property values hang in the balance with this proposed development. Our neighbourhoods are already so dense and overpopulated that approving this development right beside the already approved re-zoning of the farm land next door to the Jafari Village is a big mistake. I do not feel that our quality of life should be affected by Council approving even more development.

I wholeheartedly support retention of existing zoning and strongly oppose this or any proposed development.

Dear members of city hall,

We, citizens of Vaughan have elected you to the positions you currently hold in the city hall and we are sure that all your decisions and efforts are made towards enhancing our city and our quality of life.

I would like to get answers to the following questions:

1. What benefits our city of Vaughan would get once this high-rise project would be realized?

2, What benefits, we citizens of Thornhill Woods neighborhood and vicinity, will get in the coming year, 2, 5, 10 or 20 years down the road?

I'm am positive that you as professional city planners have a plan for future development of City of Vaughan and our neighborhood in particular.

Best regards,
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