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Subject: OP.13.013 and Z.13.036; applicant: Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto

C 90 COMMUNICATION
CW (PH) - Feb 4/14
ITEM - 2

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing this letter in lieu of my attendance at the Public Meeting scheduled for Feb 4 2013 which I will not be able to attend.

I would like to express my extreme concern and outright opposition to the application listed in the above subject line.

I am a homeowner living at 52 Vivaldi Dr, 250 meters away from this proposed large scale project,. This project threatens to radically alter and negatively affect many local elements of our small suburban community such as parking traffic noise and overall density and aesthetic image of the immediate and surrounding area. The surrounding streets are already well known to be busy at certain times of the day and are in no condition to accept the increased traffic this project would entail. The lack of parking spaces proposed for this project, is another area of concern. As it is, the existing Islamic centre often does not have sufficient parking to meet its own needs and patrons of this centre, can be found many an evening parking on the surrounding streets including my own. Any reasonable citizen, including myself has no issue with this from time to time, and I hope that other residents make the same accommodation for me when I park on side streets in other areas of the city in order to attend various locations and functions. However, adding the proposed density will nearly guarantee the at the local streets will be continually clogged with parked cars. And near impassable in the snowy winter months. Most of the surrounding side streets don;t even have a sidewalk on either side of the street forcing pedestrians and children directly into the middle of the street to avoid the parked cars. As a new father, this is unacceptable.

The density and esthetic that these new towers represent is completely without precedent in the area. There are no 17 storey buildings for kilometers. To the west there is nothing of this magnitude until Jane Street, To the east, other than a short stretch of Yonge Street, there are no towers, certainly nothing to the north and to the south nothing of this magnitude until Centre Street. These proposed towers are completely out of character with the local surroundings.

Please accept this letter in lieu of my attendance at this public meeting and register my outright opposition to OP.13.013 and Z.13.036; applicant: Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto

Sincerely,
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