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Dear Development and Planning Committee,

I am a voting resident and tax payer of the Thornhill Woods community, I would like to strenuously state my objection to above-noted proposed amendment to the plan.

My family and I have chosen and made our home in this community due to its suburban feel and strength of community. Prior to buying our home in Vaughan, we lived in the City of Toronto where we had to constantly contend with traffic issues, congestion, and lack of parking. We deliberately chose this community due to its official plans and by-laws that the city had mandated ie. numbers of schools, parks, and commercial properties to service the area. We would have never made the decision to become residents of this community had we known that a 17 storey building would be a part of the landscape of this community. The addition of such a building would diminish the quality of life that we so much enjoy.

An example of this deterioration is seizing the commodity of time from my day; During the work week, after I drop my children off at daycare, I travel on Bathurst south to highway 7, the current state of traffic is bumper to bumper and it takes a fair amount of time to get to my destination. My commute home consists of Bathurst north and then turning onto Ner Israel adjacent to the proposed plan. The addition that the City is contemplating will necessitate extra lanes to be built to accommodate potentially 2000 extra residents! The sheer volume of the additional 2000 cars will not only affect traffic, but it would require extra lanes to accommodate the congestion! I am a supporter in the municipal tax system as it benefits the community, but approving this would be waste of our hard earned tax paying dollars that should never have to have been allocated to this in the first place.

I feel like the official plans were put in place to account for the needs and benefit of the community, the city's proposal didn't account for a high rise as the density cannot accommodate an influx of 2000 residents, their vehicles and the congestion the detriment they would cause.

Warm Regards,
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