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I learned today of this proposed major change to the nature of the Thornhill Woods community.

I object to this proposed changes (OP.13.013 and Z.13.036) , as they:

(a) constitute a major change to the neighborhood. The existing neighborhood is exclusively single family units and townhouses, none more than 2 stories + loft. commercial development in the area at summer ridge / Autumn Hill is similarly scaled. The nearest high rises are miles away, and south of Highway 7.

(b) would impose significant additional traffic congestion in an area that is already very slow. commutes south on Bathurst until past Atkinson (at least) experience significant congestion during rush-hour. The proposed retail and residential additions would add significantly to that congestion. There would also be additional traffic through residential streets off Bathurst Glen, Ner Israel, and other nearby streets.

(c) Are not supported by the Official plan, or local transit planning. Other high rises in Vaughan are on major transit routes, typically including Viva. Bathurst this far north is very poorly served by public transit, which would impose a hardship on the proposed seniors residents, and would mean that the vast majority of the residents of the proposed new units would be automobile commuters.

(d) Would further strain the capacity of other local services. For example, the Thornhill Woods school already operates over capacity, and has to make use of portables.

Thank you

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