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Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 10:10 PM

To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>; Karen Cilevitz <karen.cilevitz@richmondhill.ca>

Subject: Refuse of proposed development of 336 residential units on 8700 & 8710 Yonge Street

Dear Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in lieu of two high rise apartments being built on 8710 and 8700 Yonge Street. Earlier this month, we received a letter from the city, like many residents in the same area. Although we understand that nowadays, condos and apartments are being built more frequently. Instead of building two high rise apartments, we are asking for townhouses to be built instead. Reading the letter, we have some concerns regarding the apartments being built. We are concerned about the construction process, the effects that it has on our resources and facilities, and the privacy of the residents living in the nearby area.

Over 300 residents in the two apartments will put more strain on the community's resources and facilities. Like mentioned before, construction on Yonge street is still ongoing. Even though there is lane expansion, with more residents comes with more cars too. Therefore, traffic will increase on Yonge Street and in this neighbourhood. Not only that, the population in schools and community centres will increase. The amount of students in school classes are already quite high and with the apartments, it will only rise. Less community service opportunities and programs will be available to current residents.

Privacy of the residents is one of the biggest issues that many of us are concerned about. One of the things that draws people to live in Richmond Hill is being able to form meaningful relationships with neighbours, but having your own privacy and lots of space at the same time. Many would and are fine with the fact that neighbours have the view of their backyards. However, having dozens of people being able to look at your backyard feels like there wouldn't be much privacy. There have been many incidents of people throwing items from condos and apartments in the Greater Toronto Area. Having two apartments so close to houses can pose a risk to the residents.

I understand that the approval process takes several years before the actual apartments will be built. However, there are still concerns regarding how the construction process will carry out. Establishing two apartments not only requires numerous trucks, equipment, and materials. Although the building of the apartments will occur during the day, this is still a disruption for those who reside nearby. Not only will there be disruptive noise, but there will be plenty of debris nearby and dust in the air. It is understandable that this occurs along with any construction process. However, if the road fixtures are not finished by the time the apartments are built, this is a concerning issue.

I hope you will take this letter into consideration and build townhouses instead of apartments.

At the meantime, I wish to be notified of the result of the proposal.

Sincerely,

Resident of Eleanor Circle
Richmond Hill