

This communication is in reference to a Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, City Files: D01-20002 and D02-20007, in which the mixed use lands are requested to be switched to residential lands. This concerns me. We unequivocally need more jobs, not just houses, in Richmond Hill.

This development proposes 19 Live Work (LW) units.

I do not remember seeing this term Live Work units in other Richmond Hill applications.

This pandemic has had us really see working from home as much more desirable as it was pre-pandemic. But is this a good place to put these Live Work units? I believe that LW units should be part of good community planning. It should provide mutual benefits to a neighbourhood. Someone with an appointment at an accounting office in one of these LW units would visit an adjacent unit. I am skeptical that there would be this spillover business.

We are most likely giving up the potential for many more than nineteen people, who could operate other places, for needed employment opportunities.

We need to think this through. Should it not be part of the upcoming Strategic Plan? Are there criteria for Live Work units?

At the June 10th, council meeting the desire to become an accredited Age Friendly Community was put off until the Strategic Plan review. I believe this should be put off as well.

Thank you for your attention.

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