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Subject: Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law City Files D01-20003 and D02-20009

Council Public Meeting: Wednesday October 7, 2020

Opposition to Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

City Files: D01-20003 and D02-20009

City Planner: Simone Fiore, Planner II- Subdivisions: Simone.fiore@richmondhill.ca

I am a concerned Oak Ridges resident who objects to the proposal to amend the zoning by-laws for lands known as 13572 and 13586 Bayview Avenue.

As part of the Greenbelt, the Oak Ridges Moraine is an environmentally sensitive, geological landform that my family has called home for the last 16 years. Our decision to move to this beautiful area was largely based on the ecological exquisiteness of this community. The proposed structure would have a negative impact on the ecological and hydrological character of the moraine, and be in contradiction to the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan established in 2002.

The proposed 11 storey apartment would have a devastating impact on both the ecological footprint, and the natural wildlife situated to the west of the proposed zoning. The daily sightings of animals such as foxes, deer, swans, geese, mallards, grey herons, rabbits, to only name a few, have made this neighbourhood the gem of Richmond Hill. If this proposal would pass, it would have a devastating effect on the wildlife and negatively impact the "friendly neighbourhood feeling" that currently exists. Introducing a multi-story apartment building in a neighbourhood that currently has none, is poor planning, and a recipe for disaster.

This proposal contradicts the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2002) that states:

The Greenbelt Plan, together with this Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan, identifies where urbanization should not occur in order to provide permanent protection to the agricultural land base and the ecological and hydrological features, areas and functions occurring on this landscape and found within the Oak Ridges Moraine.

I trust that the Councillors of the City of Richmond Hill value the voice of the immediate residents, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and natural and ecological beauty of the lands, and will reject this proposal. Please notify me of adoption, passing or refusal of the proposed plan.

Thank you,

George Kourtis