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Subject: comments re C#51-20

Good day,

I have a few concerns about

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1) From my memory of home shopping near the subject land, small rental (or condo) dwellings seem to attract a lot of starter-families. I am concerned about the quality of life for the new residents because I don't see any nearby park facilities, especially from the point of view of those with small children or mobility issues. Richmond Hill has had a terrible lack of growth in parks and recreation space compared to our population growth. This project continues to make the shortage and accessibility of parks, on average, worse.

2) More housing next to the railroad tracks. Noise is bad for a good night's sleep. The roads and the railroad is a significant source of noise. Good sleep is critical to health. I would much rather see lands within 100m of the tracks be mostly employment land. See Newkirk Rd for a positive example of employment land next to tracks. I've lived on Elka Drive but had no noise issues.

3) Richmond Hill residents, and community life, suffers from a shortage of local employment. This is directly related to population growth without employment growth. This area lacks employment matching the high education level of Richmond Hill residents. This project seems to be wanting to place a lot of residents in a place that would be well suited for offices. Lots of housing at a transportation intersection seems to be a mindset of "the best thing about being here is the ability to leave", instead of taking advantage that transportation links here can be a destination. Urban vitality needs diversity of primary use, especially at different times of the day.

regards,

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