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Subject: Submission for tonight's MajMac/Arnold developmental meeting

I wish to register my opposition to the development slated for the corner of Arnold and Major Mackenzie. Redefining an area of single house homes that has historical significance to the history of Richmond Hill as "Developmental" will ruin the health of the area, making Richmond Hill less attractive or healthy as a place to live, visit, or work.

From a personal point of view, the designation of the lands as "Neighbourhood" and "Natural Core" are important, as the natural water drainage from my property on Bridgeford St S drains along it. With any redirection of the watercourse, there will be flooding in our backyard, basement, as well as all others situated nearby, such as Innis Ct.

One of the supposed strengths of Richmond Hill is the council's commitment to nature. The Natural Core is part of the migratory paths of the monarch butterfly, many threatened bird species, and is also home to local wildlife. These provide mental health benefits to residents in the Mill Pond area beyond the immediate Arnold St locations, as they move along the green corridor. Removing the designation will destroy the habitat range needed for local wildlife to breed, feed, and shelter. Take a look at how many bird feeders there are in the neighbourhood. At this time of anxiety, why are we willingly destroying a source of mental health to Richmond Hill citizens?

From a logic standpoint, Arnold St will see an influx of additional traffic, creating speed hazards for our children and senior citizens. Dropping 700 houses on an otherwise residential street creates a dangerous situation that introduces thousands of new cars spilling out directly onto a street unprepared and undesignated for it.

This development is a trauma to Richmond Hill, and it is utterly unnecessary to change the official plan in order to placate the greed of this developer.

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