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Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:08 AM
To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>
Subject: City Files D01-20014 and D02-20028

Re: Development Proposal at 129-147 Arnold Crescent and 190-230 Major Mackenzie Drive West

Dear Mayor, Councillors, City Clerk, Residents,

We are writing this note to document our formal opposition to a proposed Official Plan amendment and Zoning By-law amendment for the lands located at 129-147 Arnold Crescent and 190-230 Major Mackenzie Drive West.

This proposal far exceeds the development permissions outlined in the current Official Plan

<https://www.richmondhill.ca/en/shared-content/resources/documents/OMB-partially-approved-Official-Plan-Part-I.pdf>

The guiding principles of the Official Plan were developed with the community to provide direction for the policies in this Plan as well as future land use decisions. To fulfill this corporate responsibility for maintaining and improving the well being of Richmond Hill as a whole, the Town must ensure that public policy decisions are made not just from a strictly economic perspective, an environmental perspective, or even a neighbourhood perspective. Rather, such decisions must be made from the perspective of what is best for the community and the public good as a whole.

The proposed development would require significant deviations from this well thought-out Official Plan, and the amendment application to re-designate subject lands from "Neighbourhood" to "Local Development Area" and to modify the existing "Natural Core" designation are driven solely by pecuniary interests and are contrary to the guiding principles of the Official Plan.

As such, the proposed Official Plan amendment and Zoning By-law amendment for the lands located at 129-147 Arnold Crescent and 190-230 Major Mackenzie Drive West must be rejected. Instead, the developers need to come back with a development proposal that meets the requirements of the Official Plan as well as the existing Zoning By-laws in their current state.

Planned and controlled development is crucial to a successful growth of Richmond Hill, and this development must be done within the boundaries set within the Official Plan as well as the existing Zoning By-laws to ensure continued respect of the guiding principles and or maintaining and improving the well being of Richmond Hill as a whole.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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Richmond Hill resident