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Subject: development proposal at 129-147 Arnold Crescent and 190-230 Major Mackenzie Drive West

Re: development proposal at 129-147 Arnold Crescent and 190-230 Major Mackenzie Drive West located at the northwest corner of Arnold Crescent and Major Mackenzie Drive West.

to clerks@richmondhill.ca

One concern I have about this proposal is that it will add about 1,500 people to population of this small heritage neighbourhood. There are not enough parks and green spaces for the people who live here now. There is nowhere safe and quiet to ride a bike and the Mill Pond park is already way overused and crowded. It's my closest park but I avoid it because of the crowds. I live in a low-rise building in this neighbourhood and it's very difficult to find quiet outdoor greenspace around here. We need to plan our neighbourhoods so there are trees and greenery and spaces where we can hear birds chirp, and get away from cars and people. Arnold Crescent is one of those quiet places. I love to walk there under the big canopy of trees while I enjoy a few minutes without cars rushing past. This will take that away.

When they razed the trees on that property last summer I was shocked at how the noise level increased as sounds of traffic on Major Mackenzie flooded into my bedroom window 3km away. Imagine how much worse it will get when it's crammed full of cement structures and pavement to amplify the sounds. And imagine the years of construction noise we will have to live through.

This development will likely add a lot of traffic Arnold and to other streets in the area as many people will probably try to detour around the existing bottleneck at Yonge and Major Mackenzie which this added population will no doubt intensify.

We are going to have a lot more stressed out people as more of us are stuck living in cement boxes with no respite unless there is some green space incorporated into this and all neighbourhood development plans.

I also think 19 storeys is too high for this area. Once you allow that it will open the door to other big developments on small properties.

Why do we have an official plan if we just ignore it and grant developers anything they want? The developers don't have to live here and so they don't seem to care at all about building neighbourhoods. They are only interested in profits. I agree with the recent article in York Region.com that said "greed is driving the ongoing tall building boom across this once sleepy town. We have a very pro-development council and when I look at where their money came from the last election, I can understand why they're so pro-development,".

I think the high density developments like this would be better suited to the Yonge and Highway 7 area.

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