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To: Clerks Richmondhill clerks@richmondhill.ca

Subject: File D02-18008

Attached is a copy of a submission signed by concerned rate payers regarding the staff report requesting council approve a revised zoning by-law amendment application to permit a medium density residential development located at the southwest corner of Harding Blvd W and Major Mackenzie Drive W.

Mr. Emilio Pesce, one of the concerned rate payers will be speaking on our behalf at the Council meeting this Wednesday.

Regards

Izabel Scovino

We are writing to express concerns about council's potential decision to approve a revised Zoning By-Law Amendment application to permit a medium density residential development comprised of five townhouse dwelling units on the single detached dwelling property located at the southwest corner of Harding Blvd W and Major Mackenzie Drive W.

We are concerned that the proposal to move zoning for this property from one single dwelling to five dwellings – combined with recent zoning by-law amendments that allow for additional residential units in main residential buildings- will increase drainage into the North Richvale Greenway system which currently experiences problems with water quality, erosion and flooding. It is our understanding that these problems have been identified by the city and a feasibility study is currently underway to develop solutions. However, solutions are not expected to occur for several years.

We submit that approval of this proposal will accelerate erosion that is moving the river bank closer to sanitary line within North Richvale Greenway thereby increasing environmental and health and safety risks, including increased risks of flooding.

We appreciate and support the need for a mix of low-rise and high-rise buildings in the designated areas and corridors outlined in the Official Plan. However, we believe this proposal does not support the City's goal of contributing "to building a more complete community—all achieved without touching a blade of grass in the city's existing neighborhoods". Nor does the proposal support or offer a walkable, amenity-rich destination for nearby neighbourhoods as described in the Official Plan. In fact, the accelerated erosion noted above also has the potential to destroy the walking trail – a natural area we very much use and would like to preserve.

In addition, we believe the proposal will increase traffic congestion in our area. We already experience traffic congestion with increased queueing at the corner of Harding and Major Mackenzie – all of which is leading to more frustrated drivers and reducing public safety.

In closing, we believe that approval of this application does not align with the guiding principles outlined in the city's Official Plan as it does not:

- Protect and enhance natural environmental systems, functions and resources in the long term
- Plan for pedestrian oriented development and
- Recognize and enhance the inherent and unique aspects of Richmond Hill
- Contribute to economic vitality and job opportunities

We respectfully ask that the council not proceed with the approval in light of the concerns we have raised.

A copy of the above correspondence signed by approximately
23 residents of Lilly Court and Harding Boulevard West
is on file in the Office of the Clerk.