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Subject: Council Public Meeting Dec 1 - 0 John Birchall Road

Hello,

I am writing to submit a public comment as well as to register as an electronic delegate by video conference for the abovementioned Council Public Meeting.

Public written comment:

My family and I are residents at Richlands at Leslie/Elgin Mills. We are extremely concerned about the proposed development and the deleterious consequences it will have on our neighborhood, and firmly oppose the development at 0 John Birchall.

The first cause for concern will be the increase in traffic volume and backlog. The proposed plan states the building will be able to accommodate 700+ vehicles, given the number of parking spots in the proposal. As it currently stands, there is already traffic and congestion particularly during school start/end hours. This will only be made worse once John Birchall opens and through traffic is allowed between Elgin Mills and Leslie, not to mention Costco traffic. Residents in Richlands will only be dealing with more traffic and congestion with the proposed development in place. There also is a question of safety, with so much increased traffic volume in close proximity to a school.

Second, residents living in Richlands moved to that location to enjoy living in a quiet, peaceful suburban neighborhood. While zoning by-laws permitted for low-medium density residential buildings to a maximum of 10 stories, 29- and 31-storey towers stick out like a sore thumb. Why would TACC want to build such buildings behind the ravine lots of their own award-winning development? Or beside a heritage site (John Hilts House)?

Third, there is already a lack of access to schools. Elementary school aged children living here must go to schools in another school district. This will only be made worse with the new development in place.

When I attended the Nov 18 meeting regarding the proposal for the development. TACC claimed one of the many benefits to current residents of Richlands would be access to amenities that would be built with the new development. However, it seems that any amenities would be located on-site/within the development and thus be inaccessible to non-residents.

After attending the Nov 18 meeting, I see only downsides to the proposed development that would only make things difficult for current residents in the neighborhood.