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Subject: RE: 0 John Birchall Road - Leslie Elgin Developments Inc.

Dear Councillor Liu and Other Concerned Parties,

I would like to express that I am strongly opposed to the proposed construction of 2 high-storey condominiums at 0 John Birchall Road in Richmond Hill. When you observe the fact that the developer is flagrantly disregarding current by-laws by seeking amendments that would allow them to vastly increase building height from an allowable 10 storeys to 31, and increase a permitted Floor Area Ratio of 2.0 to 5.9, it is evident that their sole focus is to maximize their own profits, without regard to how this type of aggressive over-development would impact current residents of the surrounding area. As it stands, the neighbourhood immediately surrounding this proposed development is a beautiful, and quiet, neighbourhood that consists mainly of detached, semi-detached, and freehold town homes. In fact, the tranquility of this neighbourhood and its proximity to beautiful natural attractions like Richmond Green and Wilcox Lake are some of the main reasons that our family chose to move further North in the first place, to escape the hustle and bustle of Leslie and Highway 7 in Markham, which is already becoming overcrowded with condominium buildings. Adding 2 high-rise apartments to our existing neighbourhood would essentially completely undo and negate that sense of "home" and tranquility that we immediately felt upon moving here. Additionally, consider the fact that Leslie and Elgin Mills is already a very busy major intersection, being home to popular big box stores like Costco and Home Depot, alongside the highly desirable Richmond Green Secondary School. Increasing population density in this already very busy area would also mean increasing traffic density and congestion, putting a tremendous strain on our existing infrastructure, while also crucially decreasing traffic safety for school children. With this neighbourhood's proximity to Buttonville Airport, the skies would be affected as well with these high-rise buildings being an obstruction to flight paths. We need to ensure that we do not bring a tragedy reminiscent of September 11 to our very own backyards.

I urge you to please strongly re-consider this proposed project. Adding 2 high-rise condominiums (and condo town homes) at 0 John Birchall Road amidst this current landscape of detached, semi-detached, and freehold town homes would not only stick out like a sore thumb thematically, but it would also be an eye-sore being so close to Leslie Street that it would detract from the desirability and value of surrounding neighbourhood homes, thus financially affecting hard-working residents like myself nearby. After all, living in the shadow (literally) of 2 high-rise apartment buildings is not exactly a selling point.

Sincerely,

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