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Subject: Objection on the high rise residential development (City Files: D01-21008 and D02-21016) at John Birchall Road

To whom it may concern,

I vehemently oppose the amendment of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law for lands described as Block 51, Plan 65M-4668 (files D01-21008 and D02 -21016) for the following reasons:

1. Overburden on traffic flow: As aforementioned, an additional 617 units and 33 townhomes with 740 parking spots will greatly impact the existing traffic and road infrastructure. It will introduce congestion along Leslie and surrounding residential streets, where the latter was not designed to accommodate for this sudden increase in vehicles and density. The location of these two buildings at the entrance to a residential community will clog that intersection, making it more difficult for current residents to enter and exit.
2. Overburden on Education infrastructure: There are already concerns of over enrollment in the schools that are currently operational in the surrounding area. With the construction of two new 27 - 31 store buildings which is expected to bring in 617 units and 33 townhomes, public school enrollment in the nearby schools may exceed over a thousand full-time enrollees, which can have dire impacts on the quality of education received. This perpetuates a negative feedback loop of overpopulating, over-enrolling, education sprawl (where students have to enroll at schools outside of their residential cluster).
3. Overburden on natural space and public facilities
4. The new development juxtaposes the current low/medium and medium density residential all around. This amendment is requesting for a 300% increase in building height, which is an extremely large and unreasonable request that fails to take into consideration the impacts on the existing community.

To summarize, I am not opposing the construction of medium/high density residential units with a maximum of 10 storeys in the proposed space. I am opposing the AMENDMENT OF THE CURRENT BY-LAW TO ALLOW FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TWO 27 TO 31 STOREY BUILDINGS. This is a callous proposal that prioritizes short-term profits and rapid urbanization, over intentional long-term sustainable, deliberate and human-centered urban planning that improves the wellbeing of all community members.

Best Regards

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