Opposing the Current Design for the High-Rises at 0 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada



Above diagram depicts more traditional design shown to the 2019 Temple Board



New design, was a surprise to many Temple devotees – 2021

To: Councillors of City of Richmond Hill and Jeff Healey, Senior Planner, City of Richmond Hill.

The Hindu Temple Society of Canada (Richmond Hill Hindu Temple) is adjacent to the proposed condo development at 0 Elgin Mills Road East. However, the change in design from 2019 to 2021, was not informed to the community. There are many devotees who live in the City of Richmond Hill feel it is not an appropriate design adjacent to the Temple. The present block-like abstract design can be distracting to the eyes, especially beside a place of worship.

The Temple Board in 2019 had been more open to having the buildings aesthetically and visually appealing design, as provided to 2019 board members.

We are surprised by the sign installed in the 0 Elgin Mills East for some time now. We welcome further dialogue to understand how this can be changed to a design that is more acceptable for the people who live in Richmond Hill as well as the temple community who visit from other parts of Canada and USA.

The undersigned want to express their displeasure and dissatisfaction of the current high-rise design, and request all the City Councillors and the developer to change the design of the building that is being proposed on December 08, 2021, in the Future Site Plan.