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John Livey  
Commissioner of Planning  
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Dear Mr. Livey:

Re: Map 6 to the Region of York Official Plan

I would like to provide you with some preliminary comments on the schedule designating the Agriculture and Rural areas. As you know we provided a draft copy to your staff in May of this year outlining those areas we felt would be provincially significant. Your staff were not able to send a response in time to conduct a meaningful review of the schedule prior to your council date.

Our suggestion would be that the Region consider a further breakdown in the agriculture designation to an Agriculture 1 and an Agriculture 2. York has such a diverse agriculture character that putting all the lands that are shown as agriculture into the same designation could water down the strength of the policies. In any case, the lands that you have included cover all the areas of provincial concerns and so we have not objected to the schedule. This agreement is based on the assurances from you that some refinement of the map will take place when the local official plans are updated.

In the meantime it is important that you are aware of those areas where there is a known provincial interest in the agriculture designation and so I have enclosed a map illustrating this. In a normal review for an official plan these boundaries would be reviewed with the local municipalities for their input. At the request of Mr. Waller, this has not been done in York. This map is intended to show where you can expect to have staff of this Ministry applying provincial policy.



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This schedule will be used by staff of this Ministry until the additional work on the schedule is done by the local municipalities or your staff. We would be pleased to work with the local municipalities as they take on this task.

I trust this clarifies our position.

Yours truly,

*Sharon Johnston*  
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