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Subject: Draft Regional Official Plan (2021) and Draft Richmond Hill Official Plan

Re: Draft Regional Official Plan (2021) and Draft Richmond Hill Official Plan

We all need and want specific and appropriate area development - but not the kind that degrades the quality of life of current residents and negatively impacts our environmentally delicate Oak Ridges Moraine.

Any development - specifically along Yonge Street in Oak Ridges - that forms part of the Oak Ridges Moraine should follow the policies adopted under the 2010 Richmond Hill Official Plan, which was endorsed by Council after a comprehensive public consultation process - ie: that densities and heights be limited to 4 - 5 storeys and allow special exemptions permitting up to 6 storeys.

The Moraine Conservation Plan designation of Settlement Areas includes portions of the Urban Area including Richmond Hill. In these areas, policies stated in Chapters 4 and 5 of this Plan and the local official plans shall be the guide for permitted development. And specifically - where the local Official Plan is more restrictive than this Plan, the more restrictive policies shall apply. (emphasis mine)

In geographical urban studies of towns or cities, the term "quality of life" represents a multiple index of different criteria that reflect residents' housing standards and the environmental conditions in which they live. Our laws should protect our "quality of life".

Very truly yours,

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