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Subject: Re: Public Meeting Alert - 101 Bloomington

Clerk's Office and Councillor Carol Davidson,

I submit my objection to the proposed 12 story building at [101 Bloomington Road west of Yonge St.](#)

The property is located on top of the hill bordering the Briar Nine Park and Reserve, which is protected as an environmental sensitive example of the "hummocky features" of the Oak Ridges Moraine. These features include: the hills surrounding the groundwater recharge area, the meadows, the various species of fauna and flora (including threatened species) to name a few.

The surrounding hills form a bowl around the Conservation Reserve that drains into the ground water recharge area that flows underground towards Lake Ontario. These hills are protected by trees, shrubs and grass, which are also a natural habitat for wildlife. Introducing a 12 storey building with underground parking and deep foundations at the top of the hill (Bloomington Road) will adversely affect the sensitive environmental features in the Reserve. Furthermore allowing a 12 storey building on the highest point of land in Richmond Hill would be out of character with the surrounding neighbourhoods.

The Cities official plan for Oak Ridges allows four storey buildings on collector and arterial roads. Under special circumstances a six storey building was permitted on Yonge St. However, this should be an exception not "as of right". The proposal backs onto an environmental reserve that is protected and therefore, should be denied.

Regards

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