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Concrete Forest will Jeopardize Human Safety and will become a DEATH TRAP

I object to the application because the proposed development will become a "death trap" for residents, workers and patrons in the compound.

The full compound of this site has a hotel, 9 towers, RH municipal office, the two existing condos, indoor mall and fitness center. It is anticipated that 14,000 additional residents and 4000 more cars will be brought into the site upon the completion of the 9 towers. All of them will generate substantial human and vehicle traffic within and outside the compound. A compound of this size with such huge human and vehicle traffic is prone to conflict generation, accidents, traffic jams at the multi-storey underground garage, let alone how fire trucks can work within the compound. This compound will then become a "death trap" for people who work and live in the compound in the event of any emergencies or fire. Currently, York Region Fire Services does not have any fire equipment that can reach the higher level of the towers. People who work and live in this compound will be put in "life risk" all the time.

What really concerns me is that there are and will be only one entrance/exit to the compound on Highway 7 and one entrance/exit on Leslie Street, with NO traffic signal installed at the entrances/exits. With the additional 4000 vehicles to the compound. There will be vehicles lining up on Highway 7 and Leslie Street coming in and leaving the compound. Highway 7 will be at stop-and-go traffic at all times. Turning into the compound without traffic lights would put drivers at risk of accidents. If there is a medical emergency or fire, emergency vehicles and fire trucks will take a long time to arrive at the site due to traffic congestion. It would take a long time to EMS personnel to access the higher level of the towers. Again, this would put human life at risk, especially at times when time is of the essence to transport patients who had a stroke. Even if it is a false fire alarm or a fire drill, the residents from the nine towers will not have any place to evaluate to because the whole site is built up with towers. The concrete forest will become a "fire trap" and "death trap" for residents, workers and patrons, including the Councillors and municipal employees.

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