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Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 7:53 AM

To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>

Subject: Objection to Proposed 10-Storey Development at 11 Harries Avenue, Richmond Hill

Importance: High

Dear City of Richmond Hill Planning Department,

I am writing as a concerned resident of the Richmond Hill community to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a 10-storey high-density residential condominium at 11 Harries Avenue.

Our neighborhood was originally developed with detached homes and low-density housing in mind. The existing infrastructure—including roads, schools, and recreational amenities—was never intended to support such high-density developments. Even the previous approvals of a six-storey and subsequently an eight-storey building have already pushed the limits of what this area can reasonably accommodate. The new proposal to extend this to ten storeys is entirely unacceptable and sets a troubling precedent.

In addition, our neighborhood is already experiencing significant strain due to recent residential growth. Over 100 new townhouse units are currently being constructed nearby. During the summer months, parking congestion has become a serious issue, with numerous non-resident vehicles parked throughout the area to access our limited recreational facilities, which currently consist of only a single full-sized basketball court. This overcrowding not only reduces access for local residents but also raises safety concerns with the presence of many unfamiliar vehicles and individuals.

I respectfully urge the City to consider the cumulative impact of these developments on the community's livability, safety, and infrastructure. The scale of this proposed project is clearly incompatible with the character and capacity of our neighborhood. I strongly oppose the application and request that it be rejected in favor of more responsible, community-focused planning.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Allen