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Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Regional Clerk <ClerkGeneralLine@york.ca>
Subject: Proposed Highway 413

Dear York Region Councillors and Mayors,

As a resident of York Region I urge you to reconsider your 2019 endorsement of the construction of Highway 413, and join your protesting voices to those of Halton Region, Orangeville, and Halton Hills who have all chosen to oppose the highway. I recognize that the decision on whether or not to build the highway rests with the province. However, the decision whether or not to declare your support for the highway rests with you.

I recognize that with the rapid growth of the region there is a need for such a traffic corridor. However, the present proposal seems to have lacked adequate consultation with those directly affected, or a sufficiently thorough environmental assessment. If such had indeed been the case, such a flawed proposal would not have been recommended, a proposal with such a devastating impact upon prime agricultural land, wetlands and water sources. It's another indication of the gradual erosion of the government's commitment to preserve the Greenbelt "in its entirety".

In my opinion, therefore, the proposed present route needs to be reconsidered, and sufficient time needs to be allowed to explore another, a far more acceptable route.

Sincerely,

Peeter Vanker