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Subject: Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass

To: Regional Council, Chairman Wayne Emmerson, John Taylor, Mayor of Newmarket and Regional Councillor, Christine Elliott, MPP for Newmarket-Aurora, and Minister of Health.

I am writing to protest the unnecessary building of Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass.

These highways would destroy 400 acres of the Greenbelt by crossing rivers and watercourse; use up valuable farmland especially the Holland Marsh which would be unthinkable; and take away more habitat for our birds and animals. The Greenbelt is supposed to be PROTECTED land yet Premier Ford and Minister Steve Clark seem determined to destroy our environment.

The routes of these highways have been studied before and stopped because the environmental assessments showed all the damage they would do. These highways are not even necessary as so many people are working from home and the highways are no benefit to anyone with the routes they are taking. The cost would be over \$6 billion dollars to our taxpayers and if you are going to spend money on transportation it should be public transport.

Building Highway 413 and Bradford Bypass would lead to Urban Sprawl which we are trying to contain by building better. The only people in favour of these travesties are the developers who don't seem to care about the environment or long term planning.

I ask the Council to support a full Environmental Assessment. This would show the damage that would be caused by these highways with no real benefit. I am not against building highways but they must be placed in the right places for the right reasons.

I have lived in York Region for over 50 years and am very proud to call it home. Our Council has made wise decisions in the past and I hope they will continue to do so.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy Zajac, Newmarket