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Regional Municipality of York 17250 Yonge Street Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1 March 17, 2021 File 10130

Attn: Regional Clerk & Members of Regional Council

RE: York Region Municipal Comprehensive Review 0 & 11535 Cold Creek Road City of Vaughan

Weston Consulting is the planning consultant for the registered owners of the lands municipally addressed as 0 & 11535 Cold Creek Road, in the City of Vaughan (herein referred to as the 'subject lands'). Weston Consulting has been retained to monitor and advise on the Region of York's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) process.

We have reviewed the applicable staff reports on the March 18, 2021 Regional Council agenda and offer the following comments.

Item F.2 - Regional Official Plan Update – Policy Direction

After several discussions with Regional Planning staff and a written submission, dated November 10, 2020 we are pleased to support the staff recommendation that the subject lands remain in the *Rural* land use designation and not be converted to an *Agricultural* designation. This will allow for additional land uses to be considered for these lands in the future.

Item F.1 - Proposed 2051 Forecast and Lands Needs Assessment

We have reviewed the report and support the staff recommendations as shown on Map 2 in Attachment 4. This mapping proposes that the subject lands be included within the urban boundary and designated for *Employment* land uses.

While we have questions regarding the *Natural Heritage System* designation on the subject lands, we look forward to continuing to work with Regional staff to ensure the evolving policy framework is flexible enough to accommodate the scientific study and delineation of these boundaries to accurately reflect the situation on the ground.

We look forward to providing additional comments on the Region's MCR process, as it pertains to the subject lands and request that we be notified upon ongoing developments pertaining to the subject lands, including any future reports, meetings and decisions. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the undersigned at 245 or Mathew Halo ext. 282.

Yours truly, Weston Consulting

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