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To: Regional Clerk <ClerkGeneralLine@york.ca>

Subject: F.2 Updated Draft Regional Official Plan Reflecting October 21, 2021 Council Growth Management Direction

Hi,

Normally I would draft a well thought out email with nice words and pictures however this time is not the case.

What are we doing ? What are we thinking ? Is the really necessary ?

I can't fathom how we, the City of Vaughan, can even think about this plan with the current state of affairs of this province, country and world.

Why are we wiping put this farmland and some of the land in the Holland Marsh and greenbelt? Do you not like *Grown in Ontario* ? I know I do. I prefer to support our local farmers and produce before I buy from anywhere else. This is valuable farmland that once it is gone, **it is gone**. In grade 12 geography their was a book that we all studied called *Heartland and Hinterland* and even though it made reference to Canada as a whole with Ontario and Quebec being the Heartland and the rest of Canada being the Hinterland, this concept applies to us, the City of Vaughan too. In years to come, what is going to happen to the fresh water that runs beneath our feet? There is only so much fresh water that the Earth has and Canada holds 20% of it but at this rate that too will be eventually contaminated and gone. We cannot continuously destroy what we have because in the end we will have nothing at all. **Last I checked you can't grow a potato from a rock.**

As much as the City wants to build, with the prospects of new jobs and population increase, you also need to sustain that too with infrastructure. Where are those funds coming from? How much are we willing to go into debt for and destroy our natural landscape? I know money speaks volumes but lets at least try and pause for a moment and consider the ramifications of what we are doing. Let's try and be that City above Toronto, the GTA (Greater Toronto Area).

Modify this plan and make it something worthwhile and exciting and something that we can be proud of.

The City of VAUGHAN is a great place to live in but it's not looking to great these days with these types of plans. The world is our oyster, if it lasts long enough.

Think long and hard about what you are drafting and approving because this will affect us for generations. Is this how we want to be remembered? Our legacy is everything.

Regards,

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