

Dear Council,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed plan to construct multiple buildings in what is now the parking lot of Markville Mall. While I understand the need for new housing developments, I believe this particular plan will have significant negative impacts on both the local environment and the community.

The proposal to add seventeen buildings in such a small area is excessive and, in my opinion, will create substantial traffic congestion. The parking lot is already quite full on most days and the intersections at Highway 7/McCowan and Bullock/McCowan get very busy during rush hours—especially when the train comes in. Increasing density in this location will only exacerbate the situation, making access to the mall and surrounding businesses incredibly difficult. The added strain on local infrastructure will lead to increased commute times, frustrated residents and an overall decline in the area's livability.

I am also concerned about the aesthetic impact this development will have on the area. The addition of several tall buildings to what is currently a relatively open and well-maintained space will significantly alter the visual landscape and make the area seem cold and uninviting.

I urge the city to reconsider the scale of this development. It may be worth exploring alternative solutions that could meet housing demands without overwhelming the existing infrastructure or negatively impacting the community. A more thoughtful, measured approach would better serve the interests of Markham's residents and preserve the character of the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Caroline