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Sent: Sunday, April 6, 2025 9:12 PM

To: Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>

Subject: Written Submission - Opposition to 5305 & 5307 Hwy 7 Development

Dear Members of the Development Services Committee,

My name is Ling, and I am a resident living on Gladiator Road, near the proposed development site at 5305 and 5307 Highway 7 East. I am writing to express my strong and unequivocal opposition to the development application submitted by NewDev Investments LTD and 1375920 Ontario LTD.

This proposal is completely inappropriate for our neighborhood, and I urge the committee to reject it for the following serious reasons:

1. Overdevelopment

This high-density plan for 32 stacked, back-to-back condominium townhouses is excessive and incompatible with the surrounding low-rise residential community. It would severely alter the character of the area and result in overcrowding, noise, and loss of privacy for nearby residents.

2. Traffic Congestion and Safety Hazards

Highway 7 is already congested during peak hours. This development would add dozens of vehicles to an already overloaded road network, putting pedestrians, school children, and cyclists at further risk.

3. Inadequate School Capacity

Local schools are already undersized and understaffed. They are struggling to serve the current population. Adding more families to the area without any plans to expand educational resources is irresponsible and unacceptable.

4. Environmental Damage

The removal of green space and mature trees for a densely packed structure will degrade our environment. It will impact air quality, stormwater drainage, and biodiversity. Once lost, these natural elements cannot be replaced.

5. Pressure on Public Infrastructure

This neighborhood is not equipped to handle a sudden influx of residents. Our water systems, waste management, and public transit are already under strain. This project will only worsen the situation.

This development benefits investors, not the community. It sacrifices livability and long-term sustainability for short-term profit. I urge you to listen to the voices of local residents and do what is right for our neighborhood. Reject this proposal.

This is not about opposing growth, but about ensuring that development is fair, balanced, and aligned with the community's real capacity and needs.

Sincerely,

Ling Liu

Resident of Gladiator Road, Markham (Ward 4)