

A message for the applicant of 144 Main st N:

We are writing to you today to voice our concerns about our opposition to this building proposal by Revera and SmartCentres at 144 Main Street Markham. I believe we share a lot of the concerns below as our fellow neighbours.

We reside in the town homes on Water street. As soon as we saw the details of the proposed building plan we were shocked to say the least. This being due to the fact of the height and large footprint of the building in such a location. The close proximity to our property line would take away our privacy from our rear facing balcony to the potential new units. The setback starting from the ground floor units is just not set back far enough. The height of a 6 storey building is another big issue to us as its an astronomical difference to the existing surrounding structures, which has our concern of shadowing. We understand that a sun/shadow study was completed, however we do not believe it is sufficient enough to prove that we wouldn't lose any sunlight from the rear of our home. Again our rear east facing balcony would not only be at a loss of privacy, but also a loss of all morning sunlight as well because of the proximity and height.

So far this is just merely the main issues we have with the proposal. We were upset to hear that all the existing retail and restaurants would be evicted (and possibly not returning) to commence demolition of the existing building. This would take away from foot traffic and deter people from choosing to dine and get entertained on Main street which is that special feeling it should offer. In one of the latest meetings, it was not very promising hearing from the developer that more retail and restaurants would not be included the new plan. By bringing in a large amount of retired elders to the neighborhood whom may have mobility issues or have a barrier to transportation, followed by not providing a plan for including retail for essential items like buying food and/or medicine would be highly inconvenient to the demographic they are building for. We would be more supportive if there was a solid plan to definitively incorporate the existing and additional new retail/restaurants to serve the influx of new residents and bring back long time local residents.

Lastly, we would like to mention the disruption of entire timeline of the project would cause to the area and to current local residents. With the already large amount of senior residents currently living in the direct proximity of the building site, it creates a safety issue with access and mobility to the elders. Due to the increased construction vehicles and machinery, as well as the added vehicle traffic after completion. I understand any construction would be disruptive, however by re planning this proposal to reduce the timeline and size would help reduce the time we would all be disrupted.

Essentially to briefly sum up our opposition to this proposal is as its currently planned, it brings nothing of value to the neighbourhood. In my opinion, it may actually devalue our property. It would not serve to the current local residents in any way, other than being disruptive and a major inconvenience to our lives. Nor would I think the plan represents what Markham village and Main street is all about.

Please take all of this into consideration, as well as pass this along to council and the developer for further discussion and review.

We appreciate the time taken to hear us out.

Regards,

Andrew and Cristina

Water street residents