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**Re:** Agenda #8.2.3 January 31, 2024 Meeting – 7209-7529 Yonge Street  
Application for Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment

To the Mayor and Members of Markham Council

I am a resident of Thornhill, Markham and own a house in the Heritage District. I am appalled at the proposal that has been made for the redevelopment of the Farmers' Market and Octagon Restaurant land at 7209-7259 Yonge Street.

This site is immediately adjacent to the Thornhill Heritage District. Anything built there should reflect the unique nature of this historic district in style, size and scope and should also be in line with the 8-storey limit imposed by the city for this stretch of Yonge Street.

I ask you also to consider the existing neighbourhood which would be changed drastically and irrevocably by the proposed development with increased traffic in an already intense area, the loss of sunlight for the apartment buildings and houses to the west of the development, insufficient services to accommodate new residents as well as the problem of on-street parking that would be created by the limited number of parking spaces in the proposed structures. All of this would greatly diminish the quality of life of the current residents in this residential area.

The Official Plan and Zoning By-Laws should be upheld and I ask you to deny the application for amendments that has been requested by the developer. Please respect the Heritage District as well as the existing neighbourhood and its residents and reject this application.

Sincerely,  
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