

Appendix 1 – Overview of Markham Comment on Proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 and Status in the New Provincial Planning Statement, 2024

Recc #	Markham Comment on Proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2024	Status of Comment in New PPS, 2024
13	That Council support the re-introduction of a definition for Affordable Housing and Low to Moderate Income and Affordable Housing policies	Addressed
14	That the province provide clarification on how the Ministry of Finance projections would inform population and employment forecasting for lower tier municipalities	Not Addressed
15	That the province include policies requiring municipalities to meet minimum intensification targets and minimum density targets in designated greenfield areas to support the development of compact and complete communities and the efficient use of infrastructure	Partially Addressed
16	That the province include policies for the creation of new settlement areas or settlement area boundary expansions to only occur as part of a comprehensive process through a municipally initiated official plan amendment	Not Addressed
17	That the province maintain the existing definition of employment area, including the discretionary consideration of institutional and commercial uses (retail and office) to support economic growth. Should the proposed definition be proclaimed, policies should be included permitting the protection and continuation of existing employment areas	Partially Addressed
18	That the province include policies to restrict employment conversions to those initiated by a municipality	Not Addressed
19	That the province include policies that allow for theint incorporation of development approved through a Minister's Zoning Order as a part of the current planning horizon, and not in excess	Not Addressed
20	That the province provide additional policies that would allow for the protection of the commercial function of re-developing malls and commercial plazas while supporting more compact built forms, where appropriate	Not Addressed
21	That the province develop clear guidelines to support policy directions for the delivery of urban format and vertical schools in a compact built form, including a process to advance the construction of schools to align with the phasing of growth and community needs	Not Addressed
22	That the Province revise the policies and definitions applying to ARUs and lot creation in prime agricultural areas to ensure that ARUs are considered accessory uses so that it does not lead to unintended severances that could negatively affect the protection of agricultural resources	Addressed
23	That the province re-introduce policies on Strategic Growth Areas that would require planning authorities to identify and plan for Strategic Growth Areas as a focal point for growth and development based on the appropriate scale and built form	Partially Addressed

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24	That Council support the change to require watershed planning and recommend the province finalize watershed planning guidance for municipalities to support the implementation of water resource policies in the PPS	Addressed
25	That the province provide training to municipalities prior to the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement coming into effect as the changes represent a significant shift in the land use planning framework in Ontario	N/A