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Dear Sir and Madam

I am writing about the proposal that Markham planners have suggested for the Yonge St. corridor plan which is 9.2 on the Development Service Agenda. It is suggested that there should be a building of 55 storeys at Yonge and Elgin St. on the York Farmers Market and Octagon restaurant properties.

I reside at 60 Elgin St. and know this proposal would have a huge impact on my community in the following ways:

1. According to current Yonge plan, there should be congruency between Vaughan and Markham as Yonge St. divides the community of Thornhill. On the Vaughan side is a heritage school (Thornhill Public School). There should similar heights in the shoulder area of the Heritage District
2. Elgin St. is a sub standard width street with sidewalks only going half the way down going east on the street. Traffic would be an increased nightmare.
3. At Dudley and Elgin is a church with a day care and further along is a high school, where will 600 cars go/ park in the area. It is unreasonable to think that everyone will be using their bundle buggy and taking transit to the grocery store.
4. Too much intensification and not enough spaces in schools
5. Not enough green space for the intensification. Counting the playing fields of the school does not count as public green space for dogs, people and playgrounds.
6. Not enough space in libraries and community centres
7. That property is on a flood plain. Where will the water be directed. Already water issues at the church and other properties farther down the street. Water travels!!!
8. Not enough sewer capacity.
9. How high are the buildings at Eglinton and Don Mills, Eglinton and Bayview (along the cross town subway) or at Shepherd and Yonge and along Shepherd. How many buildings are 55 storeys high (most are under 20 storeys) Why do you need this amount near a heritage district.

Finally, why has this committee not looked at the Markham report that was prepared for the Land Tribunal application from a buyer of the Farmers Market property. It clearly states about the heritage in the area and the above mentioned issues. It is clear. It is concise. Explain why the same planning department threw the book at the application and denied it at the Committee of Adjustment but the same planners are now saying 55 storeys is better than 68 storeys. Who is benefiting from this proposal? Certainly not this neighbourhood because their way of life will be severely compromised.

Respectively Submitted By

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