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Subject: Fwd: Save German Mills Meadow & Greenway!

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Hello,

I'd like to submit the below email with respect to the February 25th meeting. This way, it forms part of the public record.

Thanks,
Florence Wang

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From: Florence Wang
Date: Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 9:26 AM
Subject: Save German Mills Meadow & Greenway!
To: <mayorandcouncillors@markham.ca>
Cc: Germanmills South Ratepayer Association

Dear Mayor Scarpitti and City of Markham Councillors,

I am writing to re-share that **I DO NOT SUPPORT the development of the proposed new BAHÁ'Í National Centre in the German Mills Meadow and Greenway.**

The **proposed plan for this new centre does not belong** in the German Mills Meadow & Greenway. The community has made this very clear - while having an updated facility would be welcomed, the current plans are way too big for the current space.

If this development moves forward, then it is clear that the City of Markham is working with a very narrow and ignorant view, demonstrating its lack of support for the wellbeing of its local residents and community.

Again, these are our concerns:

- VIOLATION OF ZONING AND CITY BY-LAWS
- ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE 650+ MATURE TREES
- PROTECTING ENDANGERED WILDLIFE AND SPECIES
- ENCROACHMENT ON GREENWAY
- TOURIST ATTRACTION
- LODGING – 76 ROOMS
- PARKING SHORTFALL BY 325 SPOTS
- NARROW DEAD END STREET RESTRICTS EMERGENCY ACCESS
- TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT STEELES AVE. & LESLIE ST.
- NOISE AND LIGHT POLLUTION
- YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION AFFECTING RESIDENTS & WILDLIFE

I am a very concerned resident and fully support all other residents that have expressed the same sentiments. I am hopeful that we can come to a resolution where the City of Markham can suggest and offer alternate neighbourhoods that can support the National Centre without the above impacts and concerns.

Very best,
Florence Wang