

From: Cheryl Chuk-Wong
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2025 9:02 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors; Clerks Public
Subject: Baha'i Proposal Feb 25th meeting project 22 262723

CAUTION: This email originated from a source outside the City of Markham. DO NOT CLICK on any links or attachments, or reply unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Mayor Scarpitti and City Councillors,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed Baha'i development project. While I understand the need for development in our community, this particular project raises significant environmental and logistical concerns that cannot be overlooked.

One of the most pressing issues is the irreversible damage to the conservation area, as the project would result in the removal of approximately 650 mature trees. This deforestation would not only destroy the natural landscape but also devastate the habitat of local wildlife that relies on this area for survival. Such an impact contradicts our city's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability.

Additionally, the project poses serious concerns regarding traffic congestion. The area is already heavily congested, and adding a large-scale development with years of ongoing construction will only exacerbate the situation, making daily commutes more difficult for residents and increasing safety risks for pedestrians and cyclists.

Another major concern is the issue of parking. The proposed development does not adequately address the parking demands it will create, which could lead to spillover effects into nearby neighborhoods, further straining local infrastructure.

Given these significant concerns—the environmental impact, increased traffic congestion, prolonged construction disruptions, and parking limitations—I strongly urge you to reconsider and support to oppose this project.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter and hope that the City Council will prioritize the preservation of our conservation areas and the well-being of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Wong