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RE: Letter of non-concurrence - proposed Bell telecommunication antenna facility
W2032 - 7 Harlech Court

Dear Mr. St. Jacques;

I am writing to inform you of Council's decision regarding the Site Plan application for a 40 metre high telecommunications tower within a 48 m² fenced compound at 7 Harlech Court in the City of Markham.

On October 9, 2012, City Staff provided a recommendation report to Council on the proposed cell tower to be located at the above-noted property. However, due to an ongoing City initiated study (the Thornhill Revitalization Study) which affected the subject lands, Council resolved that the application be deferred until such time as the study was complete.

On March 19, 2013, City Staff's report and recommendations on the Thornhill Revitalization Study were sent to, and endorsed by City of Markham Council based on points of agreement between the City Staff/Consultant recommendations and the recommendations of Council's appointed Working Group. In particular, new site specific Official Plan policies for the area will include:

- the evolution of uses from traditional industrial uses to higher order, low-impact employment uses,
- the prohibition of new uses that will have undesirable or noxious impacts on surrounding residential uses,
- enhancements of the public realm through improved infrastructure (sidewalks, boulevards, lighting and the planting of street trees),
- options for the creation of Community Improvement Plans, and
- the possible designation of the area as a Business Improvement Area (BIA) to further promote revitalization.

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Further, more vigilant monitoring of property maintenance through property standards will be enforced in addition to more stringent architectural and landscaping requirements on all new development applications requiring Site Plan Approval.

On May 7, 2013, the Development Services Committee of Markham Council considered the proposed Bell telecommunications antenna facility at 7 Harlech Court and resolved to issue this letter of non-concurrence. This recommendation was accepted by Council at its meeting of May 13, 2013 (Council extract attached). It's felt by Development Services Committee and Council that the erection of such a structure in this area would be inconsistent with the endorsed recommendations of the Thornhill Revitalization Study, and is not supported.

Yours truly,

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Appendix 'A' - Extract from Meeting No. 11 - May 13, 2013 Markham Council