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From: John Losiggio
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 1:06 PM
To: Kelly, Denis
Subject: Turning Prohibitions in Weston Downs

Dear Chairman and Regional Counselors:

My name is Giovanni Losiggio and I have lived and worked in the West Downs community since 1989. Over the last 25 plus years I have seen the community change drastically its makeup, diversity and in its development.

What started off as a quiet community on the northern edge of Woodbridge has now expanded into a busy throughfare connecting three large subdivisions.

Since 1997, my wife and I have lived on the western side closest to Rutherford Road and have seen the traffic influx on our street increase dramatically over the last 18 years.

When we purchased our home, and as many do prior, we did our research and discovered that Santa Barbara Place was not to be a throughfare and the developments on Siderno and Polo crescents were to have barriers preventing throughfare along Village Green and Orr Boulevards. These traffic calming measures were put in place by the City of Vaughan to ensure that the Weston Downs community would not have to deal with large numbers of vehicles using our community to by pass traffic on Regional roads. As you are now aware those measures never came to fruition and we are now suffering the consequences.

I wish to provide my support for the turning prohibitions being proposed by our home owner association. As residents and homeowners on Velmar Drive we deal on a daily basis with the large number of vehicles using our community streets to get home or to work everyday. This not only adds congestion, pollution, but becomes a huge safety issue for all wishing to cross our neighborhood streets, children who cannot safely cross the road to go and play in the park across from our home.

We have numerous cars which sit idling waiting to access the community to the north and to the west of us. Numerous vehicles will pass on to oncoming traffic to bypass the line up and speed in order to get to their destinations. This is not an issue of a handful of vehicles using our community to get to and from work or to whatever destination they need to attend that day. It has become a traffic nightmare and an epidemic.

Some of our residents are concerned with the morning turning prohibitions and their need to come back into our community after dropping off their children at the local public high school. I too face the same challenges and must make a right turn into our subdivision after dropping off my son at school. There are many other arterial roads which these individuals can take in order to come back home. This small inconvenience for a small number of individuals, including myself, should not outweigh the needs of an entire community and the safety of all those who live in it.

The Regional government should take action and added steps to open up Pine Valley Drive to connect Langstaff Road to Rutherford Road. By doing so it would provide those communities to the north of Rutherford Road a more secure and faster way of getting to and from their destinations both in the morning and in the evenings and eliminate the traffic infiltration into Weston Downs. This is why the Province of Ontario, when constructing highway 407, created the entrances and exits to Pine Valley. Our community streets were not designed to handle the large number of vehicles which use our roads on a daily basis.

I kindly urge you to vote in favour of these turning prohibitions and to finally end the traffic influx and throughfare within the Weston Downs community. I also invite you all to come and see with your own eyes what it is like to live in our community, facing the bumper battle of entering and exiting our own driveways on a daily basis.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further and gain valuable insight into the problems we face I can be reached at 905-XXX-XXXX. Thank you for your consideration and support in making our community a safer one for all.

Sincerely,

Giovanni Losiggio