HUMPHRIES PLANNING GROUP INC.

May 11, 2015 HPGI File # 449

The Regional Municipality of York 17250 Yonge Street Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1

Attn:

Ms. Valerie Shuttleworth

Chief Planner

Re:

Comment Letter - Greenbelt Plan Review

Vaughan 400 North Landowners Group Inc.

Block 34W and 35, City of Vaughan (the "Subject Lands") Lots 26 through 35, Vaughan Conc. 5 & Lot 1 King Conc. 5

Humphries Planning Group represents the Vaughan 400 North Landowners Group Inc. The participating members of the Vaughan 400 North Landowners Group Inc. together own the majority of the Subject Lands. Enclosed is an ownership map.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Province on the ten-year Greenbelt Plan review. A similar letter has been submitted to the City of Vaughan and we ask that the Region and the City support the position that the Province refine the boundary of the Natural Heritage System in locations where there are no environmental features.

Background

The Subject Lands were brought into the Urban Area and designated for Employment Land-Uses by Regional Official Plan Amendment ("ROPA") 52. They were designated for employment uses by Vaughan Official Plan Amendment 637 and are designated as Strategic Employment Lands in the Region of York Official Plan.

Redesignation of Natural Heritage System

The Vaughan 400 North Landowners Group Inc. is requesting that the Province consider an adjustment of the Natural Heritage System designation for some of the Subject Lands. The request is based on site-specific environmental work completed by Beacon Environmental Consultants for the block planning study work for the Subject Lands.

216 Chrislea Road Suite 103 Vaughan, ON L4L 8S5 It is our understanding the delineation of the Natural Heritage System boundary in the Greenbelt Plan was completed based on analysis of air photographs. More detailed environmental mapping is provided in the attached memorandum prepared by Beacon. The mapping is based on preliminary environmental field work on the ground. Detailed overlayed mapping shows no features in areas where the Province has delineated the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System.

In light of this detailed and accurate information, we respectfully request that the Province refine the boundary of the Natural Heritage System in locations where there are clearly no environmental features.

Should you require additional information, please contact the undersigned at extension 246.

Yours truly,

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Mark McConville, MCIP, RPP, MScPI

Senior Planner

cc: Vaughan 400 North Landowners Group Inc.

Mr. Michael Melling and Ms. Katarzyna Sliwa, Davies Howe Partners

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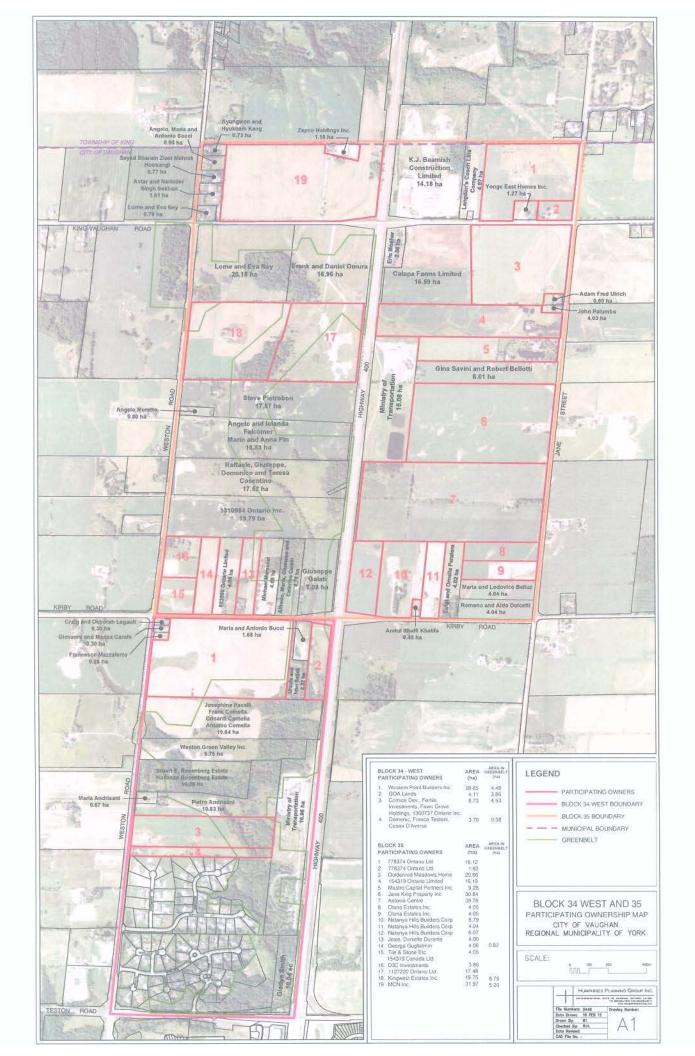
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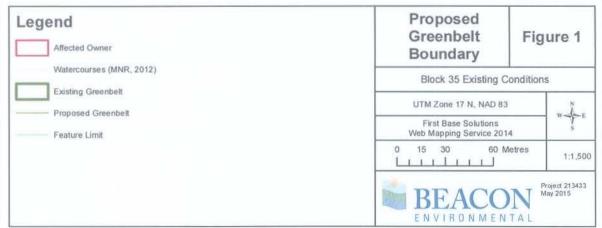
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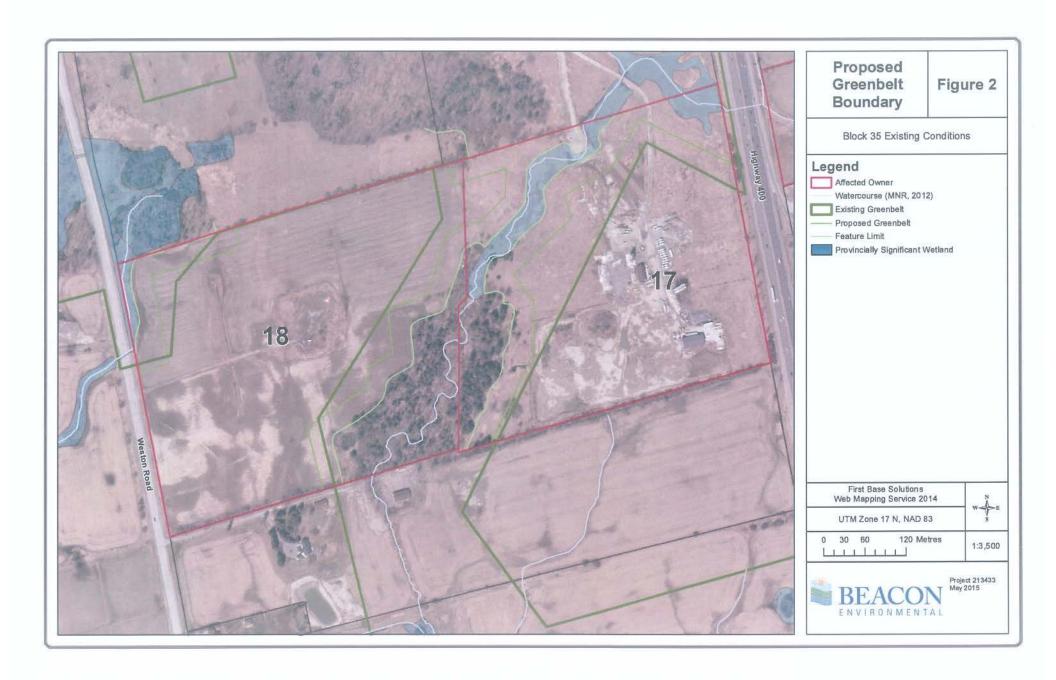
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Proposed Greenbelt Boundary

Figure 3

Block 34 West Existing Environmental Conditions Study

Legend

Affected Owners

ELC Communities

Existing Greenbelt

Proposed Greenbelt

OBM Watercourse

East Humber River Provincially Significant Wetland Complex

Vegetation Communities

Terrestrial System

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Forest (FO)
FOME: Dry-Fresh White Pina Mitted Forest Econite
FOM4 Dry-Fresh White Cedar Mined Forest Econite
FOM4-Dry-Fresh White Ash Dockhaus Forest Vagatation Type
FOD5-Dry-Fresh Wagar Maple Deckhaus Forest Econite
FOD7-3: Fresh-Moist Wilkow Lowland Dockhaus Forest Type

Cultural (CU)
CUM1-1: Dry-Fresh Old Field Meadow Type
CUT1s/t: Mineral Cultural Thicket Econte
CUW1: Mineral Cultural Woodland Econte

Wetland System

Swamp (SW) SWD4-1: Willow Mineral Decidious Swamp Type

Marsh (MA)
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MAM2: Reed-canary Grass Mineral Mendow Marsh Type
MAM2-10: Poth Mineral Mendow Marsh Type
MAS2-11: Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type

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