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**Subject:** Traffic in Weston Down

Dear Chairman and Members of Regional Council,

Before the formal letter, please know that I am completely for anything that reduces the traffic in our area. To think this problem has been going on for years, and getting worse, does not speak volumes to any council's ability to be responsive. Santa Barbara is a narrow street that was not meant to be a main vein. It is ridiculous that I have to zoom out of my driveway like I am on the Autobahn, because I have the misfortune of having to leave my house at peak traffic times. The time to act is way past over due. I am sure great minds can embrace a solution that will stop the road rage that occurs every time my husband backs into our drive way at 5:30 pm. If all residents along Santa Barbara started parking on the street between 4:00 p.m. - 6:0 p.m., the traffic jam would shut down our community. It's a thought.....

I understand that the issue of turning restrictions for the Weston Downs community is on the agenda for the upcoming York Region committee of the whole meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

I am writing to express my support for the turning restrictions being proposed for the community of Weston Downs, which were designed to address the traffic infiltration problem that exists because of a poorly designed road network in the community and because of the traffic congestion caused by the intersection at Rutherford and Weston Road, which is over capacity and cannot deal with the existing traffic volumes.

The Weston Downs Ratepayers Association has spent two years working with the City of Vaughan Local and Regional Councillors and Transportation staff as well as the York Region Transportation staff to develop the proposed solution. They have also had numerous community input meetings and have also sent me a flyer to inform me of the solution. They also conducted a telephone campaign to ensure I had heard about the solution.

Our community is not like others in the City of Vaughan, or in York Region for that matter. Our road network was improperly planned and now our community is paying the price. There is only one road (Santa Barbara Place) that connects the streets in the south with those in the north. Therefore, any traffic congestion that occurs outside of our community and filters within, must travel through this one road. This creates spillover effects and causes problems on many streets in the community. Most other communities have a north/south and east/west grid patterned road network that allows arterial road traffic to filter through communities without creating unsafe environments for those who live there.

The proposed solution is designed to minimize the impact to residents who live in the community and disrupt the pattern for those who cut through our community. Please help us reduce the risk of injury to our children. Please support the proposed restrictions.

Respectfully,

Loretta Puzzolanti