

Annswell Court Foundation,
25 Thornhill Summit Drive,
Thornhill, Ontario L3T 7K9
23 April, 2007

The Mayor and Councillors,
Town of Markham,
101 Town Centre Blvd.,
Markham, Ontario

Dear Markham Council Members,

Subject: Notice of Motion Regarding Building Height in Old Thornhill

I am writing on behalf of the residents and board members of the Annswell Court Seniors Apartments on Thornhill Summit Drive in respect to the Notice of Motion Valerie Burke, Councilor, Ward 1, is introducing to council on April 24th.

The Thornhill community struggles to exist split between Markham on one side and Vaughan on the other. For those who dwell here, it is crucial that the heritage nature of Old Thornhill be respected to preserve its great historical significance and to perpetuate a strong sense of community. We have some of the oldest streets and buildings in the region in this small area of Old Thornhill. Any future buildings should be of the same height guidelines and fit within the heritage look of that area of that Yonge Street section.

We can only admire what Markham has done to preserve the heritage nature of the Unionville Main Street and urge that the Thornhill centre area be developed with the same respect for its' historical importance and enjoyment of community.

The proposals for the old post office land at the corner of Yonge Street and Thornhill Summit Drive will introduce much congestion into an already congested area. We are concerned for the safety of the seniors who walk along the sidewalk on the south side of Thornhill Summit Drive from Annswell Court to Yonge Street to buses and shopping. Plans for buildings of three stories or less would keep the traffic and congestion on Thornhill Summit Drive to a minimum. The driveway from Thornhill Summit Drive into this new complex will pose considerable risk to the safety of our residents as cars whip around the corner and into the development.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter and ask that you give favourable consideration to the notice of motion for height restriction being introduced.

Yours truly,



Heather Morris
Chair, Annswell Court