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Comments for Submission to Brampton Public Meeting June 7, 2021

Re: City File OZS-2021-0009

Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

I have concerns about the proposed development at Queen Street West and Mill Street South.

The illustrated structure of an 11-storey high rise on Queen Street West is not considered mid-rise and does not blend with the surrounding area and does not fit into the Brampton Vision 2040 of revitalized, complete neighbourhoods based on a future walkable, liveable city. The Vision and aims of the Urban Design Review Panel are to “Create Transitional Build Form – New building heights will respond to surrounding existing mature neighbourhoods by introducing a fluid transition from low to mid-rise developments.”

The proposed structure does not appear to even allow for sufficient sidewalk space. The current sidewalk on Queen Street West is totally inadequate and with buses and cars speeding immediately beside the narrow sidewalk it is a stressful, dangerous situation. The proposed plan does not show any improvement to allow for a safe, walkable sidewalk.

The 2040 Vision for ‘complete streets’ with auto, pedestrian, and cycling alignments – based on an ‘Active Mobility Charter’ with treed streets for people, other landscape interventions, ecological features, and local touches would require that the proposed building be set well back from Queen Street.

The City’s official vision is to ‘bring nature back’ and provide friendly, sustainable living neighbourhoods. This means low-rise green buildings, with eco-friendly designs. The residents should have streets for people and handsome buildings so that they can feel welcome in a friendly, model new neighbourhood.

This proposed development does not align with Brampton’s Vision and new Official Plan or meet the criteria of the Urban Design Review Panel and these Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments should be rejected.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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