

Planning and Development Services

Town of Caledon

6311 Old Church Road

Caledon, Ontario

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OBJECTION TO:

Submission of Applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment 6939 King Street, Caledon Town File # POPA 2020-0003 & RZ 2020-00011

I wish to submit my formal opposition to the above-mentioned application for a "Place of Worship", to be located at 6939 King Street, Caledon.

After reading through the submitted materials on the Town of Caledon website, the overall scale of the proposed development would be better situated somewhere where the overall impact of such a large-scale building would be less hurtful on the surrounding area, its neighbours, the local aquifer, roads, the increase in traffic volumes and general appearance of a 53'+ high building. By building such a massive facility this far out in the countryside, it forces all who attend to drive there since it is so far away from any larger residential areas and it is not serviced by transit.

In regards to site servicing, the septic system capacity is estimated at 28,000 L/day, and the site is proposed to have a drilled well to supply the water demand. Will the local wells be monitored now and if this building is constructed, after opening to ensure our wells do not run dry? We have never experienced any water shortages, but there is concern with such a high demand for water it will affect the local area wells.

There is some concern with the traffic studies provided to the town. The study which provided traffic flow and volume at Innis Lake and King was performed in May of 2020. At that time the volume of traffic on the roads was significantly reduced due to the covid lockdown and schools being closed, thus the numbers provided were inaccurate. An updated accurate study should be conducted to get a true idea of the traffic in the area. Also, the traffic study was incorrect in stating the intersection of Innis Lake and King was controlled by a 4-way stop (as showing in figure 2-1). It is in fact controlled by a traffic signal. This major error in the study brings to question the accuracy of the information provided.

What will the Town of Caledon be doing to control the influx of traffic, and speeding on the local roads? At various points throughout the day, trying to drive North or South along Centreville Creek across King Street is down right dangerous. Vehicles are constantly speeding along King – it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a break in traffic to either turn onto King from Centreville, or continue straight on Centreville.

Also, the fact that the entrance and exit to the temple only has right hand turn options means that we will be seeing a lot more illegal U turns on King Road, or alternatively using Centerville Creek as the road

to do U turns. This will cause congestion and chaos at the corner of King and Centreville when 300+ cars are trying to exit the lot.

The speeds along Centreville Creek are also becoming a bigger concern everyday and will only get worse with the proposed influx of traffic from the proposed development. The 80 km/h stretch South of King routinely sees vehicles travelling in excess of 100 km/h and the 60 km/h stretch North of King will see vehicles well in excess of 90 km/h. To pass the responsibility off to the OPP for increased enforcement will not solve the speed problems, so could the Town come up with a permanent plan to deal with the increased traffic and speeds?

Another issue which needs addressing is how much light pollution will this facility bring to the country side? Are they planning on having lights shine on the building and the parking lot lights shining at all hours of the night? We have already seen the impact from the Canadian Tire and Amazon facilities which have had a drastic effect on the night sky even this far away from Bolton, so will this location destroy the night sky?

During large festivals, what is the plan for overflow parking? Will our side streets be lined with cars making it dangerous to drive on or will no parking signage be erected to address this? Also with festivals in mind, can the town give us a guarantee that during Diwali, any and all fireworks will be stopped at an acceptable hour to ensure those who do not recognize these events will get peace and quiet as we have come to enjoy and expect in the country? Will the town enforce noise bylaws accordingly?

Another thing I call into question is the actual need of another temple to be built. When looking at a local map of the surrounding area, it shows there are already 16 Hindu temples within a 30 km radius. Why is there a need to build yet another temple and on such a large scale, and why specifically would it be built in an area that does not have majority Hindu faith? Would it not make more sense to build a Hindu temple in a geographic area that houses people that are majority Hindu faith?

Lastly, will we be guaranteed that this facility will not turn into a large truck parking depot as far too many other locations have popped up around the town with little to no enforcement.

Please take into consideration my concerns, as I can assure you that all of the neighbours I have spoken to have the same concerns.

Sincerely

Patrick Brigant