

February 20, 2022

TO: The Council of the Town of Caledon,
Email: agenda@caledon.ca

Re: MZO Request, Council Meeting February 22, 2022

Dear Mayor Thompson and Councillors,

In reading the recent Council agenda publication, yet another MZO request is to be presented to Council at the upcoming meeting. Hence this submission is made in this regard and on behalf of local residents.

The issue of concern, at this moment, on this item, is purely that it is another request of this Council to by-pass the normal processes, procedures and approvals established to protect all parties from all sides in a proposal.

The Applicant's vision to convert agricultural land into an industrial park and the regurgitation of the Premier's Growth Plan arguments are not a satisfactory excuse to ignore protocols, the input from alternative views and staff reports. Such a dramatic alteration requires oversight, review and analysis, and public consultation. Although there may be a Provincial designation as employment lands, this should not automatically lead to a "do whatever you want" perspective which is exactly the entitlement which an MZO inherently grants.

We cannot, and should not allow any party to by-pass the protections put in place by years of evaluation, deliberations and criteria development. An MZO approval is not a responsible conduct tool for Caledon affairs and this Council should not allow itself to be known as the "Short-Cut Crew".

We kindly request Council to deny this request for an MZO, and similarly for any future MZO request.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

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