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The Honourable David Caplan
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Dear Minister Caplan:

Re: Inclusion of Cornell Centre in the Proposed Final Built Boundary

York Region staff have been working closely with Ministry staff to resolve outstanding issues for the completion of the built boundary. This has been a productive process that has resolved most of our issues. I commend ministry staff for their thoroughness and professionalism.

We received, however, a letter from Brad Graham, the Assistant Deputy Minister regarding the Ministry's decision to exclude Cornell Centre in the built-up area. We are disappointed with this decision.

Although the Assistant Deputy Minister explained the Provinces' rationale for not including Cornell Centre, both the Regional Municipality of York and the Town of Markham continue to believe the planning principles and objectives of Cornell Centre merit its inclusion.

We would like to re-emphasize the following:

- The Centre has been planned as a complete mixed-use growth centre to meet the principles, objectives and intensification policies found in the Growth Plan
- As a Regional gateway, the Centre will anchor the Highway 7 Regional Corridor
- The Centre functions as a Key Development Area on a high-order transit corridor with the VIVA transit terminus, consistent with the Regional Corridor policies found in the Regional Official Plan. It remains the only Key Development Area within the Region, not yet incorporated into the built boundary.
- The Centre is surrounded by a series of major existing and emerging uses. The Box Grove Community, Cornell Community, Markham-Stouffville Hospital and existing VIVA transit terminus surround this site.

Therefore, notwithstanding your Ministry's decision to exclude the Cornell Centre as a built up area, it is the Region's intention to include Cornell Centre in all future monitoring of intensification.

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Should you or your staff have any questions in regard to our rationale for the inclusion of Cornell Centre in the built-up area for monitoring purposes please call Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services at 905-895-4444 ext. 1500.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Fisch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Fisch
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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Att.