

April 5, 2006

Chairman Mayor James Young and
Members of the Regional Planning and
Economic Development Committee
Regional Municipality of York

Attention: Karen Price, Coordinator
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Dear Chairman Young and Members of the Committee:

**RE: Item #4 Revised Agenda Committee Meeting April 5, 2006
Official Plan Amendment No. 140 – Rouge North Management
Area/Greenbelt**

Please be advised that we are the solicitors for the Rouge Park Alliance.

We received a copy of the above-referenced report yesterday afternoon at approximately 5:00 p.m. I would note that the report appears to be dated March 7, 2006 on its last page.

I have been instructed by my client to object on its behalf to the proposed regional modification to this Official Plan Amendment and in particular, the proposed amendments to Section 2.16.6(h).

It is my client's position that the language of that policy should remain unchanged.

Infrastructure is in fact only permitted pursuant to the Greenbelt Plan subject to a series of tests and requirements for justification which includes issues such as impact on the environment, etc.

OPA 140 has to be in conformity with both the Greenbelt Plan and the Rouge North Management Plan.

The policy as proposed to be amended by Regional Planning staff in Section 4.3 of the Report removes the words "may be" and substitutes the word "are".

It is my client's position that the Town's policy wording better reflects the requirements of the Rouge North Management Plan and the Greenbelt Plan than that proposed.

Kindly provide the author with written acknowledgement of receipt of this letter.

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Please also advise as to the Committee's decision and provide the author with copies of the Minutes of the April 5, 2006 meeting and further notice when this matter is dealt with again by the Committee and/or Regional Council.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Augustine Ko, York Region Planning Department
cc: Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park Alliance
cc: Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham Planning
cc: Catherine Conrad, Town of Markham Solicitor