

Response from Darren Soo candidate for Ward 6 Markham City Councillor  
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Thank you for reaching out and thank you for the opportunity to express my positions on the points you brought up.

#1 - It is imperative that the Region continue to improve the transit infrastructure, reliability and predictability in order for the plan to be successful. I'd look into more bike lanes, and making bike rentals available in our region as well, so that biking is easily accessible and available to residents. As more bikes are on the street, we will also need to properly examine and work on road safety. For a longer term plan, I would also advocate exploring the possibilities and opportunities of deploying better traffic control technologies to better move traffic along the major roads.

#2 - I believe that in order to support growth, we will need to expand the number of businesses and residents in our city. Therefore I'd advocate the creation of new legal housing units to accommodate the expansion. However, I would maintain that we need to continue to maintain a healthy balance of green and existing urban spaces. I strongly believe that urban expansion should remain in areas that do not disrupt and destroy our green spaces and self sustainable agricultural lands.

#3 - I recognize and believe global warming is real and we are seeing the impact everywhere today. I strongly believe everyone, as a citizen of earth, must play a part to help. Hence, I strongly believe that as we expand urban areas, it is imperative that we create or maintain green spaces as part of the plan. I would definitely advocate for more green spaces as well as building and equipping buildings with sustainable technologies.

#4 - We must grow the city sustainably with minimum impact to our current residents and environment. Hence, I do not believe there's any justification to expand our urban area onto our existing Greenlands, Water Resource and Agricultural Systems.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions or need clarity on any of the points above.

Regards, Darren Soo