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Subject: 24 Brock St. N.

Dear all,

I am writing to voice strong opposition to the absurd notion to rezone land at 24 Brock St. N in Dundas.

As a home owner on Melville Street, I can tell you first hand that many of us live here because of the type of neighbourhood it is -- a walk-able, quiet place filled with tree-lined streets and mostly single family homes. To add a multistory condo development at the end of our street is about as devastatingly daft as Hamilton thinking it will get an NHL team. More importantly, it is a selfish cash grab on the part of developers (not really news in the sad tradition of Hamilton) and perhaps, undue influence of said developers on city decisions aside, dangerous.

Many children live within a few blocks' radius of 24 Brock Street; Melville Street stretches more than a kilometer from the stop sign at Albert street west to Brock Street; even without dozens of new tenants, there are too many fast-moving cars along this stretch (which serves, along with Park Street, as a welcome detour for anyone wishing to avoid the lights and traffic along King Street). What it will be like when many, many more cars use Melville as a thoroughfare I can only imagine.

Since most of the decision makers who put forward the idea of 24 Brock Street likely do not live in Dundas, I sincerely doubt reason will prevail. But the almighty dollar will reign supreme, I am sure. Nonetheless I register my opposition, for what it's worth, and dream of de-amalgamation. I am not surprised by the lack of vision here -- it's what makes Hamilton Hamilton. I am surprised such a greedy little scheme that adds nothing to the community even got this far -- it's a milestone to which even I raise an eyebrow.

Congratulations on what must surely be a personal best.

Brad Hussey,