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I am writing to formally let council and city planners that I am against the rezoning of the south side of York Blvd between Strathcona Ave N and Inchbury. There are several century homes in that area that have significant heritage value. The high density traffic that will result will be detrimental to this local neighbourhood. Many school children walk to Strathcona school in this area and traffic safety is an issue. Parking on the side streets is also an issue with an increased residential population in that area. A high rise in this local, well balanced neighbourhood is not wanted. Destroying perfectly good buildings, homes and businesses for modern development purposes generally harms an area as opposed to helping it. Given the 14 available sites for more intense development, along with sites further east on York past Queen, **I would suggest that any demolition of homes be removed from the plan**, and some further garden/seating development of small green spaces proceed as a means of animating York further with wonderful little parkettes or pocket plazas. Hamilton's urban neighbourhoods have come a long way in recent years. There is now great interest in the development industry of locating high quality, urban housing along some of these main streets that have seen very little investment in many years.

Destabilizing a successful, growing residential neighbourhood through needless demolition would be a step backward.

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