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City of Hamilton,
Planning and Economic Development Department,

Attention Greg Macdonald

I am writing in regard to the Official Plan Amendment Application, File No OPQ -13-011 and Zoning By-law Amendment ZAC 12-063.

It is my understanding that the proposal is that a development of up to 192 dwellings, plus commercial units be built on the site under consideration.

I have grave concerns about the the increase in traffic to an already heavily used area (namely the roadway immediately south of the corner of Rymal Road and Garth).

The roadway within the block adjacent to this intersection is already heavily utilized.

- ~ The gate to St. Elizabeth Village and Villa is immediately south of this intersection. There is significant traffic going in and out of this gate; traffic from the 560 village units, staff and visitors to the Villa, clients of businesses such as physicians, a bank, and a drugstore located within the village.
- ~ There is a secondary school within this area and significant traffic dropping off and picking up students in the morning and afternoon.
- ~ There is a Hamilton Bus stop in this area as well.
- ~ Plus Garth is busy from 'through' traffic at normal rush hour times

There is no way that a development can be built, if the vehicles will enter from Garth Street. It would be highly unsafe and the congestion would be enormous. I cannot see how a traffic light could be built at the gate to a new development, as it is far too close to the exiting traffic light at Rymal and Garth.

If you allow these Amendments to be made I think it would be a highly irresponsible action.

Thankyou;

Barbara Anne Welch