

March 24, 2014

Coordinator, Planning Committee
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
First Floor
Hamilton, Ontario
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Dear Sir:

Re: Airport Employment Growth District (AEGD)
Part Lot 2, Part Lot 3, Concession 5, Glanford

Our family has watched the progress of the development of the Hamilton Aerotropolis over the last several years and fully support it. We have seen the most recent study, by Dillon Consulting Limited, that suggests the removal of certain parcels to satisfy the Ontario Municipal Board ruling that 555 hectares be disqualified from the AEGD.

Our farm, it would appear, would be partially used for the AEGD and the rest would be left for our use. I am writing this letter to request that you please include our whole farm for use by AEGD.

Farming these days is a very difficult business in the best of circumstances and to be left with this parcel of farmland, with commercial or industrial neighbours, will make it virtually impossible to work. For example, the sights (dust), smells (manure), and sounds (machinery) of farming are likely not to be appreciated by the owners or customers of these nearby businesses. These difficulties, along with the reduced acreage leave it economically unsound to sustain an agricultural enterprise and make resale extremely difficult. Our farming viability depends heavily on rental of land from many of our neighbours, who will be completely bought out by the AEGD, leaving this small plot of land to try to sustain a living.

Our farm, and that of our neighbour, Ralph Benedict, are the southern-most gateway to the AEGD and both being only partially considered. It is our hope that you would like to use their proximity, in their entirety, to its full advantage and decide to take the property, in full, right to Whitechurch Road.

We fully support the AEGD and wish for its every success. We sincerely hope you will meet our request to take our full farm. We would ask that you please keep us informed of any future developments regarding our property in particular. Mr. Ralph Benedict is our solicitor, and also our neighbour who is in the same situation as us. We understand that he has advised you that he shares our sentiment and, like Mr. Benedict, we reserve our right, if our lands are removed, to take action or appeal as we are legally allowed, to include our lands in the AEGD.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to discussing this with you further in the near future.

Sincerely,

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