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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to your letter regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a 100-site seasonal trailer park at 58 12th Concession Road East. I have multiple concerns, which I would like to address throughout this letter. Some of these concerns are as follows:

- Disturbance of wildlife
- Greenbelt
 - Farmland
- Water contamination
 - Dropped water table
- Potential smoke and out of control bonfires
- Decrease in property values
- Visually unappealing
- Excessive noise
- Trespassing
- Possibility of theft

To begin, I'd like to speak my apprehensions of the placement of this trailer park, as it would cause a disturbance to the wildlife in this region. There are many animals that inhabit the space in which the trailer park wishes to be placed. Among these animals are coyotes, who are most common in areas that are adjacent to green spaces, such as farm land. These intelligent and adaptable animals seem to be able to live closely with their human neighbours and are not usually a threat to human safety. Also the mass number of deers. However, to live in harmony with them it is necessary that we respect and understand them and their needs. By building on this land, I feel as though it would be to interfere with their living space. Also there are Blue Heron nests located in the bush on the property.

Also, much of our existing rural and agricultural land base in Hamilton has been included in the Greenbelt area, this includes the Freelon area. I am a firm supporter of the Greenbelt and consider it imperative to maintain our green space and be very conscious of our environment. With the Greenbelt in place, our rural and agricultural lands are supposed to be protected, ensuring that we can enjoy these lands for years to come. Having the greenbelt in place should favour the restriction

of building since building on the Greenbelt is limited. If a seasonal trailer park is wanted, I think that there could be other potential areas to do so.

Another thing to take into consideration is the extra use of water with a proposed additional 100 sites.

Decrease in property values should also be taken into consideration. We feel that having 100 seasonal campsites so close would considerably bring the value of our property down and also because it is visually unappealing.

Excessive noise with that many sites would also have to be considered. With just the few seasonal campers across the road is a big adjustment because of noise. With an added 100 sites located so close it would be even more noise. Music playing people talking/arguing. Excessive drinking that goes along with holidays and the fighting that goes along with that.

Trespassing on our property with that many people so close. Do we have to worry about leaving stuff sitting around that it may be stolen.

Smoke is also something we are concerned about. Campfires are part of the whole atmosphere but with it comes the issue of the smoke.

We have lived in this area for my parents there whole life 70+ years and for myself 50 years and my family. We have been accustomed to our own space. The beauty of nature and openness that surrounds us. We are not opposed to the existing trailer park at 57-12th Conc but we are opposed to adding 100 sites on 58-12th Conc. Please consider the effect that these additional 100 sites will have on my family and my parents. We have thoroughly enjoy living where we are and I think it would be greatly compromised to say the least if we were expected to have to adjust to an additional 100 seasonal sites not to mention the impact it has on all the things I have listed in this letter. Please say no to this 100 additional site on 58-12th Con Rd E

Sincerely

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