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City of Hamilton

Chair of Planning Committee & Committee Members

J. Partridge – Chair; B. Johnson - 1st Vice-Chair; M. Pearson - 2nd Vice-Chair

A. Johnson; J. Farr; M. Green; C. Collins; D. Conley; R. Pasuta

RE: Waterdown – 63 & 0 Parkside Drive (Con 4 - Lot 12 & 13) Removal from Greenbelt

Dear Chair and Members of the Planning Committee,

We are writing to request that the above noted properties are removed from the Greenbelt. We feel that these properties meet exactly the same criteria as the properties designated as “R5” in appendix “B” of the report. As the “R5” lands are being recommended to be removed from the Greenbelt designation so too should the lands at the western end of the Waterdown East – West Corridor, from the existing residential development west to Highway #6.

Given the current and future demand for residential land in the Waterdown area and city of Hamilton and the investment the municipality has previously made in the Boers Creek project and the soon to be constructed East – West Corridor project it seems natural that these lands be developed. As the municipality is looking at a shortage of residential land in the future it would be desirable to remove this area from the Greenbelt and include it within the Waterdown Urban Boundary and the Whitebelt lands. There will continue to be a high demand for growth of the Waterdown urban area that will not be met by the confines of the existing urban boundary.

| Criteria Group | Lot 12 | Lot 13 |
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| Protection of Agriculture | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Land - in very close proximity to residential and commercial uses. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Land- in very close proximity to residential and commercial uses. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% of land unusable for agriculture, previous business stripped topsoil. Existing residential uses to the east and planned Waterdown East West Corridor bisect the property. Clappison Avenue Proposed to link to Waterdown East West Corridor further divides the property. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% of land unusable for agriculture, previous business stripped topsoil Existing residential uses to the east and planned Waterdown East West Corridor bisects the property Planned business park south of property on Parkside Drive Very close to intersection of Highways 6 & 5. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned business park south of property on Parkside Drive. • Very close to intersection of Highways 6 & 5. | |
| Rural Character & Economy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some rural character, this will be greatly impacted by the Waterdown East West Corridor and extension of Clappison Avenue. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some rural character, this will be greatly impacted by the Waterdown East West Corridor |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned business park south of the property will impact property. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned business park south of the property will impact property. |
| Environmental Protection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains a very small portion of Natural Heritage System & Protected Countryside | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protected Countryside |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These systems will be fragmented by the Waterdown East West Corridor and extension of Clappison Ave. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These systems will be fragmented by the Waterdown East West Corridor |
| Cultural | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No identified cultural heritage resources • No conservation area or existing trails in the area • No bike route | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No identified cultural heritage system • No conservation area or existing trails in the area • No bike route |
| Existing Urban Area(s) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area is not constrained by NEF 28 noise contour • Suitable for employment uses • Opportunity to build on existing community as area is adjacent to existing urban area which includes residential & commercial | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area is not constrained by NEF 28 noise contour • Suitable for employment uses • Opportunity to build on existing community as area is adjacent to existing urban area which includes residential & commercial |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area will be bisected by the Waterdown East West Corridor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area will be bisected by the Waterdown East West Corridor |
| Infrastructure and Natural Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing water main along Parkside Drive. • Existing wastewater servicing to the east of the property. • Some opportunity for wastewater servicing expansion from the east • Existing side walk ends just short of eastern property line. • Area to be bordered by bisected by the Major Arterial- Waterdown East West Corridor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing water main along Parkside Drive • Existing wastewater servicing to the east of the property • Some opportunity for wastewater servicing expansion from the east • Area to be bordered by bisected by the Major Arterial- Waterdown East West Corridor • Some opportunity for wastewater servicing expansion from the east |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No planned connections to higher order transit or other sustainable transportation networks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No planned connections to higher order transit or other sustainable transportation networks |

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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