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Subject: Dundas Laneway

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Dear Hamilton City Clerk and Councillors,

Kindly read my letter regarding the Dundas laneway:

Thank You.

The laneway that stretches from Victoria Street to Alma Street in Dundas has been a public passageway for over 160 years. People enjoy using this route to avoid the busier Sydenham Street. It's a quiet and beautiful path that children and adults travel with frequency - each day for all these many years. Recently, my husband and I were in Europe (Germany, Holland) where we became acutely aware of the importance of laneways, for pedestrian traffic and bicycles. Quite to the contrary of the argument regarding our contentious Dundas laneway, these passageways provide a safe route for travel! Such passageways, through the Greater Hamilton area must remain accessible for all -now and going forwarding into a cleaner, more environmentally responsible future. May I ask, what city would allow one individual to change the landscape of our town, or any town/city - after more than 160 years of continual public use and clearly against the wishes of so many? This surely cannot be called a democratic decision! In closing, I would not want MY name to be branded as part of such a terrible decision.

Most Sincerely,

Lesley Ashcroft-Hall