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To: Hamilton City Council

Re: Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of Public Unassumed Alley
Between Alma Street and Victoria Street, Dundas

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

As a Dundas resident who frequently uses the above noted lane as a path of travel to and from home and town and as a member of the City of Hamilton Design Review Panel Pilot Project, I am writing to request you vote NO to the lane closure and sale.

The lane represents the exact aspects of quality urban space that the City's Official Plan promotes; a public open green space used by pedestrians and cyclists. It is ironic to me, that the City's Planning Department on one hand, is working hard to educate developers on the importance of public space in their building projects and, Public Works on the other hand, who is removing public open space by selling it to an individual.

The lane is integral to the Cross Melville Heritage Conservation District, allowing passersby to view and appreciate aspects of the adjacent historic homes not seen from the front. This is a gift to the younger generation and should not be taken from them.

If there is a real concern for safety, as our Dundas Councillor believes, there should be a full and comprehensive study performed to review all aspects of

the St. Augustines School pickup/drop off and consideration of bus lay by, removal of private parking at the adjacent apartment building, whether proposed changes to Sydenham are creating more danger, etc..

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments,

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