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Mayor Eisenberger, deputy Mayor Partridge; and Hamilton City Councillors,

**RE: File No. ZAC-18-022**

**Proposed by-law amendment of the lands located at Garth and Rymal Road West (Part of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 8, Part 1 on Plan 62B-19029, Hamilton (Ward 8))**

Thank-you for your time and consideration of my concerns at the City Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The proposed amendment would allow for an increase of 20 units per hectare; from current zoning of 60 units per hectare to a total of 80 units per hectare. The proposed development plan would result in 331 townhomes and 22 additional parking spaces on only 10.38 acres of land. I believe there are matters which may not have been brought to the planning committee's attention when they voted 5/2 in support at the Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> planning meeting and as such I am writing herein.

We know there will be increased rain fall due to climate change. We know storm water runoff systems and sewage systems are already at or beyond capacity. We also know when sewage systems back up pollution of natural habitat and reabsorption occurs which could result in illness.

As such it seems that approving this type of amendment would be viewed by the public as quite an oversight by Hamilton City council. An addition of another 20 units for a total of 80 units per hectare would pose considerable concerns.

Not approving this zoning by-law amendment would be a tangible example Hamilton City Council upholding its commitments while also demonstrating an understanding of the need to re-evaluate approving so many residents living on such a small piece of land. I encourage you to please be responsive to climate change impacts.

1. Hamilton Climate Change Plan I see item 9. states;

**Secure property that serves as source water storage or preserves wildlife corridors within the catchment.**

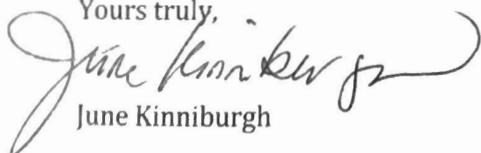
<https://climatechangehamilton.wordpress.com/plan/>

I understand a holding provision for this type of by-law amendment (increase of units per hectare; is to build a storm water pond in the area however, I question where in the area the water pond could be built and how coupled with information we now have about climate change this would be wise. The city must make strides on climate change adaptation now, this is an opportunity.

2. A very large reservoir exists on the north east corners of Stone Church and Garth thereby already creating limitations of fully permeable lands in the area.
3. Garth Street was very recently widened also increasingly the impermeable surfaces in the area.

I urge Hamilton Committee to vote not-in-favor of the by-law amendment file No. ZAC-18-022 before you today.

Yours truly,



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