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**Subject:** Ratification Vote for 461 Green Road, Stoney Creek, ON

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**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Ratification Vote for 461 Green Road, Stoney Creek, ON

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please forward this email to all the council members engaging in the Ratification Vote on 461 Green Road Item 8.1 on 25 February, 2020.

I have lived in this community for over 20 years. In the beginning, it was a quiet neighbourhood with wonderful natural areas for walking and cycling. Since that time, the development seems to be exponential. Every open or wooded space is now being looked at for high density housing. This greatly concerns me for many reasons, some of which follow.

1. The traffic congestion in this small area is becoming obscene. This is heightened by the fact that there are only three bridges crossing the QEW to get to any amenities.
2. There are already too many cars parked on the streets that allow parking (increasing the traffic congestion).
3. It is becoming unsafe to walk or cycle on some of the streets due to both the parked cars, the traffic congestion and the lack of sidewalks. Additionally, the only three bridges crossing the QEW to provide access to amenities in town have no sidewalks or cycling lanes.
4. There have been numerous floods over the last few years due to the removal or modification of the natural watersheds. Increased building will remove what little is left exposing the residents to increased cases of flooding.
5. The south shore of Lake Ontario is a natural resting area for many migrating birds. This natural treasure is being eradicated by the current development plans.
6. These high density developments are understandable in a city centre, a place where one has access to many amenities, but there are literally NO amenities on the North side of the QEW between Centennial Ave (Hwy 20) and Fifty Road. There are no shops, no restaurants, no grocery stores and there is no bus service here. One needs drive for virtually every necessity further exacerbating the traffic congestion, the parking situation and the unsafe walking and cycling environment.

As I mentioned, these are but a few of the reasons I feel that this development is not in the best interests of this neighbourhood. In addition, should this project be approved it will set precedent and I fear that Maria Pearson (the councillor for this ward who is more interested in enabling the developers than in representing her constituents) will be trying to bulldoze even more high density projects on to any piece of grass left.

Please consider these reasons as well as the many others I am sure have been brought to your attention.

Sincerely,

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