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Subject: Aberdeen

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Dear Mayor and members and City Council,

My name is Matt Coulson and I live at 21 Stanley Ave. I have lived in this house for much of my 36 years of my life - having now returned to the home I grew up in with my family and children.

I writing you to express my strong opposition to the proposed plan to to convert Aberdeen from 4 lanes to 2.

Aberdeen has always been an essential arterial road providing a connection from Queen to Hwy 403. Recent developments at Innovation Park too only strengthen its importance.

Having lived on Stanley for so long, I'm already keenly aware of the high volume of daily traffic coming down from the queen mountain access and seeking to travel west to the 403 or Westdale / Dundas areas.

It seems obvious to me what the consequence of roughly halving the capacity of Aberdeen would be: considerable traffic build ups on Aberdeen, and a resulting spill over of traffic driving through the residential streets south of Aberdeen. Has an appropriate study modelling these consequences even been conducted???

There MANY families with small children dwelling on these streets just south Aberdeen... this decision clearly puts them at risk.

I can appreciate the people and families living on Aberdeen are attracted to the idea of less traffic and more parking... but frankly... that's not what they bought, and Aberdeen's role as an important artery has never been in doubt - at least not for the duration of my life. It seems unconscionable to me that the interests of one street's residents - who knowingly bought into the existing conditions - would be out ahead of interests and frankly the safety an entire neighborhood and their children.

On behalf of all those that have made this area the home for themselves and their families, I urge you to reconsider these plans.

Thank you for heeding my strong opposition.

-Matt Coulson