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**Subject:** Making Aberdeen Avenue Two Lanes

**From:** Ina Levitt-Yanover

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**Date:** August 10, 2020 at 11:35:14 AM EDT

**To:** "Wilson, Maureen" <[Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca)>

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Good Morning Councillor Wilson,

In view of the proposed changes for making Aberdeen Avenue two lanes and after discussing this with some of my neighbours, I wish to reaffirm my position. I wrote to both you and the Mayor on July 22, 2019.

I disagreed with you then and I disagree with you now.

As a pedestrian, I strongly object to making Aberdeen Avenue two lanes by allowing parked cars to use the other two lanes.

You are concerned about sight lines. For example, I can tell you that having tried to cross the street at Herkimer, it was extremely difficult to see the oncoming cars because the parked cars block your view.

Crossing from Aberdeen Avenue to Queen Street is a dangerous venture. Some cars actually do slow down and let pedestrians have the right of way. Many drivers do not bother to slow down and just whip around the corner. Drivers on the Queen Street Hill are not as careful as they could be. I have to check in both directions at least 2 or 3 times before I feel that it is safe to cross the street.

As a driver, trying to turn from Spruceside to Aberdeen is tough enough with four lanes. If you narrow the road to two lanes, it will become even more difficult. The parked cars will make it difficult to see oncoming traffic properly.

If you truly want to make the streets safer for both pedestrians and drivers, a two-lane street is not the answer.

We support Alex Beer and his efforts to stop this potentially dangerous change to Aberdeen Avenue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Ms. Ina Levitt-Yanover

Mr. Ian Yanover