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Subject: RE 15 Church Steet Demolition and Development

David Wallis, Ancaster Resident

RE: 15 Church Street Demolition and Redevelopment

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Dear Mr. Van Rooi.

I am writing to you with my concerns on the proposed development at 15 Church Street in Ancaster Village.

With so many residents of Ancaster feeling desperate to save or re-imagine Ancaster Village, I feel that this proposed development is not a good fit in retaining or adding to the character of Ancaster Village.

The proposed developer has proven he is a good builder and designed a few beautiful homes around Ancaster. If the existing character home must be torn down, I respectfully suggest he build 1 home on that land with character acknowledging a village aspect. In viewing his developments online, I am sure he is talented enough to create an old with modern design using the existing home!

However, the proposed 6 townhomes squeezed onto this lot is unreasonable for an area of single-family homes and a narrow street with no parking.

I am not opposed to development, I am for good and visionary development, especially in re-imaging what Ancaster Village could look like.

However, I am concerned that the development of Ancaster Village is at risk to developers in-filling the village with inappropriate buildings. With the right development, Ancaster Village has the most potential to be a jewel destination within in our city.

As the gate keeper and visionary to development to Hamilton & the Ancaster Village, I will share with you - a developer that I think has gotten it right in Quebec. Having the chance to re-imagine Ancaster Village, it might one day look something like this: <https://www.hendrickfarm.ca/lifestyle/village-centre/>

The development of Ancaster Village has the potential to be something special or something missed.

With the Ancaster Meadowlands, the development of Ancaster West and all the stock housing now along Garner Road, I have had my fill of stucco, boxed, bland and forgetful.

For the history of Ancaster, I ask for you and the City of Hamilton to have the vision to make the Ancaster Village memorable and the jewel it could be.

Respectfully,

David G. Wallis