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**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

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Good morning,

My family and I live at 371 Charlton Ave West. I am writing to express my opposition to the planned reduction in traffic lanes on Aberdeen Ave between Queen and Dundurn. I am concerned that some of the anticipated safety benefits along this stretch of Aberdeen will come at the expense of additional traffic and speeding on our neighbouring non-arterial side streets (i.e., 'rat running').

Although our councilor, Maureen Wilson, has acknowledged that rat-running is a current problem that may become exacerbated by the Aberdeen lane reductions even with the coincident Queen St conversion, the pilot project does not include any consideration of this important issue. Potentially solving one set of problems along Aberdeen in exchange for worsening of others is not an equitable solution.

As a resident of Kirkendall with young children, I am also highly invested in creating a safer space for all of us. However, I encourage our Mayor and Members of City Council to oppose the proposed Aberdeen Ave traffic lane reduction until a more comprehensive and well thought out plan comes forward.

Sincerely,  
Tara McAuley