

September 8, 2020

Mayor and Members of Hamilton City Council
Sent via email to Clerks office

Re: Support for Calming Aberdeen

Dear Councillor Wilson, Honourable Mayor and Members of Council:

As a 38 year resident of both the Kirkendall neighbourhood, as well as the City of Hamilton, I am writing to express my support for the "Calming Aberdeen" project.

Ask any child in Kirkendall (including my eleven year old daughter) and they will tell you Aberdeen is a dangerous, scary road. Notwithstanding the concerns expressed by those who would like to "keep Aberdeen moving", those of us who have lived in the neighbourhood for decades have seen families destroyed by the carnage on this road.

Over my nearly four decades in the neighbourhood, I have personally known two children who have been run down at Aberdeen and Dundurn, two teenagers who have been run down at Aberdeen and Kent and two adults who have been down at Aberdeen and Queen and Aberdeen and Dundurn. In the case of the adult at Aberdeen and Dundurn, the person was left with permanent brain damage. In every case, the accidents were due to vehicles driving too fast and recklessly through the neighbourhood.

There was also the incident involving a fellow Westdale Secondary School student twenty years ago; this classmate was involved in a horrendous accident at the Aberdeen railway bridge that took his life. The accident was due to his high speed; however, had the geometry of Aberdeen been different, it would have been geometrically impossible for him to have been going as fast as he was.

The proposed interim calming measures are modest in their approach and I believe are an appropriate first step. I also strongly support City staff monitoring the effects of the calming measures to take an evidence-based approach to any long-term adjustments.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of the above,

Hamish Campbell