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Subject: Keep Aberdeen Moving

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Hello,

My name is Ashley Leggat and I have been a resident of Hamilton my entire life. I grew up on Braemar Place right at the top of the Queen Street Hill, and now have bought my own family home on the same street.

I am writing today with major concern over the plan to reduce the number of lanes along Aberdeen Avenue between Queen Street South and Dundern Street South, from four to two. This is a terrible idea for many reasons, but I will highlight those most personal to me.

I have two children, they are 3 and 1. My children play on our street as it is a dead end and there is rarely any traffic here. On days when the Queen Street Hill is backed up (due to accident, or rush hour) I run my kids inside as there are hundreds of cars flying down Braemar and Auchmar to try and find a different route down the mountain. They go at top speed with no care about the numerous children that live in this area. If those lanes are reduced, the amount of traffic flying down Braemar and Auchmar will be tremendous and I am truly fearful that someone's child is going to be hit.

It makes no sense to me why this lane reduction is even an option. The traffic already is at a stand still during rush hour, and it takes me 25 minutes to drive down the queen street hill to take my daughter to gymnastics on Dundern street. *Can you imagine the traffic clogging the streets trying to get onto or off of the 403? Will people need to allow an extra hour on their journey to Toronto so that they can get out of Hamilton?* Let's not even mention the amount of pollution that will billow into our areas as cars idle on the Queen St Hill all day long.

Please rethink this decision. It is completely unnecessary and will cause far more damage in the long run. There are plenty of other streets you can turn into parking that don't disrupt the city of Hamilton.

Thank you

Ashley Leggat