

To whom it may concern,

We are dealing with unprecedented times the global covid pandemic and all it's frightening affects. It's troubling that this is the time our Council chooses to vote on expanding our urban boundaries. A vote in favour will put forward a chain of environmentally damaging policies that will have detrimental consequences not only for our community but the planet.

The pandemic has demonstrated more than ever the importance of preserving our farm lands, so we can continue to supply our communities and neighbours with locally grown foods. So as not be as depend on trucked in produce, and food source from the U.S. This is good for our community and environment. Our farmers and their farms are precious resources that need to be protected and supported for the betterment of everyone, including the environment. Lowering carbon emissions is a must.

At a time when more people are home and enjoying the outdoors in their communities, we need them to be kept safe, and walker/biker friendly. I as an Ancaster resident I can say this need to improve greatly, traffic jams, speeders, pollution, safety caused by too much vehicular traffic are already alarming. Adding any more vehicles to our roads is not acceptable to me for these reasons.

Our children's safety and future depend on clean air, reliable and local food sources. Protecting our communities protects the planet for all children.

It is important for our elected officials to stand up for the environment and not the self -interest of Developers.

Sincerely,

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