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Subject: Delay the City's Growth Plan

Dear Councillor Lloyd Ferguson,

As a Ward 12 Constituent, I am writing to you to ask you and your fellow councillors to consider delaying the city's growth plans and follow similar actions taken by Halton Region. I am requesting that Hamilton City Council delay the Official Review Plans (MCR) at your upcoming meeting and I feel that Hamilton needs to freeze the urban boundary and prevent any more sprawl. More residents need to be aware of the plans to expand our boundaries but the pandemic has been the focus of citizens for the past year. Citizens need to be included in the decision making and they need to be informed. I have not heard or read one single mention of this on any news site and just recently learned about this after stumbling upon it on Facebook. I am sure there are many more residents in my community that feel the same way that I do but are unaware of what the city's plans are. Wait until after Covid has passed so that in person consultations can occur to ensure that the community has a chance to truly be involved and have a chance to share their voice. When I drive down Garner Rd in Ancaster I am personally disheartened every time I see farmland that is up for sale for development knowing that this will be built up soon with more homes and businesses. My heart sinks thinking about all of the farmland and natural areas in my community that will be paved over and destroyed. What will happen to our local farmers and local food, There is so much research out there that outlines the numerous negative impacts that come with suburban sprawl and this is counterintuitive considering Hamilton has declared a climate emergency. I want my children to be left with a community that is environmentally friendly and provides them with local food, green spaces, natural areas, clean air and one that is not dependent on fossil fuels.

Thank you,

Anka Cassar