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Good morning

I didn't see the online consultation survey but would like the chance here to write with some feedback on the MCR GRIDS2 staff recommendations.

I am sad not to see an option offered that would halt the expansion of the urban boundary.

- We are in a climate emergency. This will not in any way help the situation.
- We have a large infrastructure deficit. This will add new expenses to what we already carry and might even attract people to move away from existing infrastructure downtown. The most cost effective growth is urban intensification.
- Developments like these do not support healthy living. People will need to use cars to get around and will not feel a close-knit community. These areas are tough to serve by public transit and low density.
- We need green spaces for recreation. I like to cycle and it is getting harder and harder to ride out of the city from my house each year.
- We need farmland for food.

My request would be to please ask staff to resubmit the report with an option including a halt of the urban boundary. I think the numbers would show that it is the best option for both financial return and environment. When I say financial return I mean that we have a duty to seek the best return based on taxpayer money. I feel very strongly this would be investment in the downtown core. We have lots of space there to increase population density.

Anecdotally I think it would also be best for quality of life and promotion of health.

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