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Subject: from Rashne Baetz former councillor of the Town of Dundas-Please maintain firm urban boundary-our children and grandchildren deserve a future!

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

As a resident of Dundas, citizen of the world, and former Dundas town councillor, I ask you to seriously consider the importance of maintaining a firm urban boundary in Hamilton. **Each decision we make at the local level affects our globe and this one that you will be making on March 29th on Hamilton's urban boundary is crucial in signalling how important you believe it is to preserve nature so our children and grandchildren can have a future.**

I would suggest you strongly oppose this expansion into rural land. This pandemic has shown us how important it is to have short supply lines when it comes to food in the future, we need to protect remaining prime agricultural land. Also greater sprawl means more pollution, less biodiversity and the need for more infrastructure that never pays for itself, but rather costs the municipality. Planning research has shown us that for every dollar spent on sprawl by the municipality, 85cents is retrieved in taxes.

Thanks for your consideration.

Warm regards,
Rashne Baetz,