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Subject: Mayor and Councillors

I would like to introduce myself.

I am Gail Moffatt. I am a new resident of Ancaster, having located to Ancaster in October 2020.

I moved to Ancaster for several reasons. But a primary one was because Ancaster Village offers charm and a small town vibe! These qualities are invaluable; priceless. They can never be replaced. Ancaster is a treasure to be guarded for generations. Do NOT let her die!

Over the last months, my interest in preserving the heritage of Ancaster has expanded to preserving the areas surrounding Hamilton and the Hamilton region.

The lands you are proposing for urban expansion can NEVER be replaced: NEVER duplicated. Farm and wetlands can NEVER be replaced. We depend on these areas for food, for recreation, for protection and preservation of climate and wildlife.

I am not anti-development. I know housing is necessary for the future.

However, I am only supportive of in-fill development that matches/blends with existing neighborhoods!

I believe there are many many areas of brownfield land in Hamilton and believe this should be your target for developing affordable communities. Areas of affordable housing, stores, pharmacies, schools, bike lanes, parks. COMMUNITIES!

These communities, on land already designated for development, if developed intelligently, would not impact climate change as severely as "aggressive urban expansion" (your words).

Climate change is real; climate change is critical to us all-our children, grandchildren, our health, our environment.

PLEASE do NOT vote for urban expansion.

Vote for controlled internal, in fill, development.

Fight against proposed Provincial threats of expansion!

A new government in Ontario parliament in 2022 May have very different goals.

Let,s join together to fight as a united community. We can win. Other communities in Ontario have been victors!