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Subject: Marr-Philip House

please forward this to the appropriate personnel:

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I understand that there will be a vote on this very soon and that Ancaster residents are not permitted to attend.

I strongly disagree to the moving of the Marr-Philip House in order to accommodate the proposed construction.

What iron clad guarantee do you have that the building will be preserved? Moving something of that vintage does not come with a guarantee. What steps will be taken if the move of this historic building does not go well? What is to prevent other builders from requesting to move or just tear down the few remaining heritage buildings in Ancaster? I am referring of course to the Brandon House and 15 Church Street to name just two buildings.

The projected building plan already contravenes a number of Ancaster bylaws and will totally change the streetscape of Wilson Street. We are supposedly known as the Historic Village of Ancaster and yet are allowing developers to build inappropriate buildings, move or tear down historic buildings (think Brandon House and the farm house on Church Street).

Do you really want the tax payers of Ancaster to remember you as being one of the people involved in the destruction of a heritage village? In the past, developers have tried to make new projects, such as The Olive Board (which started out as a Tim Horton's), fit in with our heritage village design. What has changed since then to allow builders be in charge?

Sandy Price

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