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Subject: Jan 11, 2022 Meeting - Agenda Item 9.1

Hello Lisa,

I am writing regarding agenda item 9.1- Applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 281 Hamilton Drive and 356 Wilson Street West, Ancaster (PED22004) (Ward 12) - File No ZAC-20-014.

If still possible, I'd like my input to be included on the January 11 agenda.

I would like to express my support of the proposal to build townhouses on the empty lot at the intersection of Hamilton Dr and Wilson St. This is exactly the kind of development we need to pursue so we can accommodate a growing population without continuing to sprawl. Since Council voted in November 2021 to freeze the urban boundary development, new housing like what is being proposed in agenda item 9.1 is critical.

Some residents will object because of increased traffic, but this should not be a concern. The amount of traffic from a small number of new residents will be negligible and have next to zero impact on the neighborhood. I would suggest that the City look for ways to help residents address such fears by taking the time to share knowledge and experience. Using data from previous development of this nature to demonstrate that their fears are unfounded would be good for all parties involved.

It's natural for people to be averse to change, but the only constant is change itself. If we are all to pull together and build a liveable, resilient community over the coming years and decades, change management will be an important and necessary tool. We can't have residents unnecessarily fearful of change, and at the same time we cannot slow down or stop the work that needs to be done because some are afraid of what change will bring.

Thank you
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