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Subject: Support for 281 Hamilton Dr. and 356 Wilson St. W Ancaster

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

Good afternoon Lisa,

If it's not too late and you're the right person, please include my letter on the agenda for the planning meeting on Jan 11, 2022 for item 9.1 or let me know the correct person to email.

I am writing to express my support for the townhouse project proposed for this site. I am an Ancaster resident and am in full support of building more housing within our urban boundary. Ancaster is famously lacking in density and I would welcome having more residents in this part of Hamilton. Although I appreciate the neighbours' concerns as this would be a new type of development for their neighbourhood, I hope to allay some fears with my letter. I myself am the owner of a townhome in a recently built community in Ancaster and I wish to reassure the committee (and neighbours) of the following:

-the vehicle lights of my neighbours do not cause a disturbance at night.

-although I have literally dozens and dozens of neighbours all around me in this dense community, very rarely do I ever meet another vehicle on the roads within the complex

-again dozens of neighbours live here but I rarely bump into one at the communal mailbox so 'congregating' in that area is not a concern.

-the garbage and recycling in my townhouse complex is picked up efficiently and tidily by a private firm.

-I believe that the "character" of Ancaster is to be found in the small area making up the quaint village area but besides that, Ancaster is much like any other residential neighbourhood in Hamilton. The carbon copy standard Walmart and Canadian Tire just down the street is a case in point.

If we are to preserve our farmland, wetlands and habitat on the mountain, we must end our fixation with single family zoning. Mixed use and higher densities are needed to mitigate the effects of the changing climate, keep our taxes in check, and make better use of existing infrastructure and underutilized space in the urban boundary. We must build within our urban footprint and these townhomes fit the bill. They are tastefully designed and will fit nicely into that empty space.

Thank you
Nancy Hurst
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