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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Notice of public meeting of Planning Committee for amendment and zoning by law amendment, 450, 454, 462 Wilson St.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: clerk@hamilton.ca, The Planning Committee, Traffic Dept.

FROM: Anita Dinning, Resident of Ancaster

RE: Official Plan Amendment (File No. UHOPA-21-023)

To permit a seven storey retirement home and four commercial units

And one level of underground parking etc. (442, 450, 454 and 462 Wilson St. East)

I am responding to the notice of public meeting article in The Hamilton Spectator regarding the above-noted construction in Ancaster. I am totally **against** any revision to the Plan due to the existing dangerous traffic situation at the intersection of Wilson St. and Rousseaux Streets in Ancaster.

I am a resident of Ancaster and a senior. I have noticed that over the past 20 years traffic on Wilson St. has increased due to car volume and new business traffic as well as old business in this area. This has become a very congested and dangerous intersection and very little has been done to alleviate the problem.

Both students and seniors need to use the bus and walking down to the corner of Rousseaux Street where it meets Wilson Street has become very dangerous. This corner has become very busy and it is both difficult and dangerous to cross over from Wilson St. over Rousseaux St. I have almost been hit by a car that has been turning right from Wilson St. Rousseaux. The vehicles do not stop for the light and therefore you cannot cross the street to get to the other side. No one stops their vehicle so that pedestrians can cross the street. There needs to be a wide green painted crosswalk in this area such as is painted along Charlton and Queen Sts. In the City.

Now with this new build on the corner of Wilson and Rousseaux Sts will even congest this corner even more. I know that someone will be hit by a vehicle and killed on this corner soon. I myself have had close encounters with vehicles in this intersection trying to cross the street.

I would suggest the City purchase the corner lot no. 462 and revise the traffic plan to put in a right hand lane from Wilson St. to turn onto Rousseaux St. to help alleviate some of the congestion.

The other suggestion is that all lanes have stop lights flashing red at the same time to stop the traffic and allow pedestrians to cross the street in any direction. There should be NO right hand turns allowed on a red light as

vehicles do not stop for pedestrians therefore we cannot cross the street safely.

Also, the new building must not have access to Wilson or Rousseaux St. at this interection. The new build must use Brookside or Lodor for their driveways to enter and exit this area to avoid adding to the congestion.

Also adding to the traffic congestion are the buses that stop at the bus stops along Wilson and Rousseaux Sts.

Also, when there is an accident on Hwy. 403 all the traffic diverts to Wilson St. and this traffic causes congestion and a dangerous situation at the corner of Wilson and Rousseaux Sts. due to the increased traffic volume.

Thank you for your consideration.

ANITA DINNING