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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Manchia/Spallaci application for the proposed development and moving the Marr-Phillipo House at Wilson and Academy Streets in Ancaster

To Who It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed Manchia/Spallaci development at Academy and Wilson Streets in Ancaster. There are so many reasons why this particular development project should not happen. It is aesthetically unsuitable to the surrounding community and will ruin the very charm that draws people to the village of Ancaster. It is too large for the village, violates the building height restriction bylaw of Ancaster's Secondary Plan, and will exacerbate an already terrible traffic situation. Moving the Marr-Phillipo House will further diminish the historical integrity of Ancaster, the 3rd oldest community in Ontario. Any structures built in the Ancaster village should reflect and compliment the existing sensibilities of the community. The Manchia/Spallaci proposal does the opposite; it is an abomination and an insult to the past, present and future people of Ancaster and the City of Hamilton. Wouldn't it be better to build something like this where there is proper infrastructure to support it (along the proposed LRT route for example) and where it actually fits in with its surroundings?

The current municipal government would have us believe that there are only two options for development in Hamilton: urban sprawl or intensive infill. Surely there is some ground in between these two extremes. There has to be an architecturally appropriate solution to increasing housing availability and retail space in a community without destroying it's goodness and appeal. Otherwise, what's the point? It's time to stop making decisions based on expediency. We need to get creative with development proposals that honour and celebrate our past while anticipating our future needs as a community. The Manchia/Spallaci development proposal for the village of Ancaster is unimaginative, lazy and self-serving. We should build projects that further our pride in our communities. If this proposal is allowed to be built, it will lead only to regret and shame for the City of Hamilton.

I am a seventh generation Ancestrian and I am so grateful to the people, who came before me, who stood up successfully for the historical charm and integrity of Ancaster. Once our heritage is destroyed by inappropriate overdevelopment, it is gone forever. Do you really want that to continue to happen on your watch? I sure don't. I hate to think that we can't preserve what is left of Ancaster's historical legacy for future generations.

Please do not approve the Manchia/Spallaci application for the development project proposed for the corner of Wilson and Academy Streets in Ancaster.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nell Farmer Spicer