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Cc: Carl Thomson >

Subject: Evaluation of Urban Boundary Expansion Requests - Waterdown (PED17010(q)) (Ward 15)

Dear Ms. Travis, Mr. Robichaud and Ms. Partridge and to Whom it may concern:

Re: Evaluation of Urban Boundary Expansion Requests - Waterdown (PED17010(q)) (Ward 15).

I am writing to register my opposition to the change in designation of the property at 309-311 Parkside Drive in Waterdown.

I have reviewed Ms. Travis' report and I agree with the findings that 309-311 Parkside Drive should not be re-defined as Urban. While I understand the value of redefining the longterm care home lands as urban given that existing use, I do not want that decision to be precedent setting for the other properties that were screened through this process.

I have lived in Waterdown since 1984. In that time, I have witnessed the development of much of the surrounding farm land. This is a short-term solution which creates long-term problems. Through the years this urban sprawl has not improved Waterdown it has just created new expensive problems. Once the natural lands are gone they are not coming back. This is a finite commodity.

309-311 Parkside Drive used to be rented to a farmer who grew corn and it was a productive piece of land. It has never had any other use than agriculture and has served a valuable role as part of both Waterdown's ecosystem and food supply.

Through the years, this property has had an increasing ecological value as habitat for displaced wildlife while more and more habitat has been destroyed. The field is currently home to many displaced animals. There are deer, fox, coyotes, and rabbits living there. Where do you think they should go next?

The field also plays an important role in protecting our property from climate change. The water table is very high here. When we have a large intense rain storm our ditches fill with water but overland flooding is prevented because the field can absorb the excess water. If this property was considered Urban, that would be the first step towards development which would take away this property's valuable function in the water cycle. All in an era where we need to be increasingly concerned with flooding.

This property has been designated as greenbelt and that designation is more important than ever today.

Please send me a copy of the decision made regarding this matter to me at. Additionally, I would like to be circulated to for any planning matters related to the property currently known as 309-311 Parkside Drive (or whatever these lands may be referred to in the future), including any parcels which may be severed from it.

Please take into consideration my concerns.

Mrs. Mary Thomson