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Subject: Regarding the May 17th Statutory Public Meeting - GRIDS2/MCR

Dear Planning Committee,

This email is to ask you to please reconsider plans to expand Hamilton's urban boundary.

I am a resident of Hamilton who cannot afford a motor vehicle, and the majority of my loved ones and community are in the same situation. Getting around on transit and by bike is challenging, inconvenient, and dangerous. If we continue to construct our cities around the motor vehicle, it deepens the already existing inequality.

Focusing instead on enriching the urban setting we already have with more public space and better transit will empower and mobilize a greater number of hamiltonians. This will lead to more involved citizens, motivated groups, and grassroots movements that will continue to improve our city in all kinds of ways.

Furthermore, suburban sprawl is unattractive, impractical, and creates isolation in an already lonely world. We need to be building spaces that promote community and meeting spaces.

Lastly, we need to protect farmland and focus more on climate resilient neighbourhoods

The choice you are about to make is an opportunity to invest in our future. I ask that you please consider the voices, like mine, that are telling you the alternative will hurt us.

Please freeze the urban boundary expansion. Improve what we already have - there are endless beautiful possibilities.

Spencer Steenburgh