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To The City Clerk

I wish to add my support for a no urban boundary expansion and no loss of farmland to the Hamilton Planning Committee meeting on May 17/22.

In this time of a rapidly changing climate leading to weather extremes which is exacerbated by urban sprawl coupled with the concern of future food security it is imperative that we do not continue the post WW11 sprawl which has been so much a part of the Canadian housing landscape and has lead us to the crisis situation we are now in. One wonders with this seemingly ignorant assessment of cause and effect what would eventually force people to realize there is no more land available to be paved over.

There have been a number of excellent studies done in Hamilton which show that infilling existing neighbourhoods is both possible and desirable since it utilizes existing land, neighbourhoods, transportation, infrastructure (including schools and hospitals). Indeed it is a win, win. The city and taxpayers save money, neighbourhoods become more vibrant, farmland is protected and the environment is less negatively impacted by population increases.

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