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Mayor Eisenberger and Hamilton City Councillors,

I am a resident of Ward 1 and I am against any land use decisions that promote urban sprawl. Here's why.

- * Greenfield development is the most expensive, least efficient and least creative form of development. We cannot afford it and it makes us look bad.
- * Climate change is the most pressing health concern of the 21st century. Sprawl promotes GHG production.
- * We cannot live without food, and we cannot depend on others to provide it for us, particularly with global shortages a possibility. Local production is best, which means preserving our farmland.
- * Aggressive land use plans based on projections and modelling are irresponsible. If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that we live in uncertain times and should be prudent, not cavalier.
- * We should be aspiring to a "15-minute city" model of development, where everything citizens need is available within a 15-minute walk or bike ride, as being in keeping with the best place to raise a child and age in place.

Thank you for making a decision on land use that is responsible to citizens today and offers Hamiltonians hope for tomorrow.

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