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Subject: SDU's in Residential Zones

To the Clerk's office

This is a comment on the proposed changes to zoning to allow SDUs in residential areas I am not in favour of this proposal in the Waterdown VillageCore .

I live in this area and we have different types of architectural designs of homes on large lots .

Adding a SDU next to a home in the village on a 50 ft lot will increase the number of cars , traffic, congestion, When we moved here 45 years ago the lot size was 50 feet and could not be any narrower If a person sold 6 ft of his property then his 44 ft lot was useless for sell to building a house .

The lot sizes have lessened so much for intensification The core has many old large trees providing a wonderful tree canopy over the area , replenishing oxygen and cooling the general air temperature Any construction near a tree , even if not cut down, suffers stress to its root system that becomes evident 3 yrs later With newer homes close together, (3000 sq ft homes built on 40 ft lots) there is only a postage stamp size green grass around it .

The air quality suffers because grass provides a large majority of clean air Cover it with concrete and rain runoff has no where to go but into basements , air temperature rises causing the use of more air conditioners running using more energy from our system I worked in downtown Hamilton and arriving in Waterdown at Hamilton and Highway 5 my car outside temperature gauge was 5 degrees cooler The Core of Waterdown has a very large compilation of trees on streets and inside yards.

New homes have few trees and those planted at the front are specimen varieties which grow to small stature to fit the landscape .

Homes generally have a few sq feet of grass and little room for bushes , flower gardens etc which keep our ecosystem healthy Bees , birds , insects have no homes and without these little creatures our whole environment suffers As each SDU is built ground is dug up and piled somewhere else , replaced by concrete ,a non porous material .

Rain run off becomes a huge problem for existing homes that don't have the drainage system to cope with the extra puddling water and results in flooding finished basements , adding insurance claims which then rise ,as do premiums .

More things thrown in our garbage dumps.

How many trees will be cut down to make way for. SDU ?

We have no bylaw protection for existing trees in Hamilton .

Anyone can cut down a tree in their yard .

In Oakville a tree no matter what size is protected because they understand how long it takes to grow and it's value for better air quality and quality of living as well as healthy lungs In this time of Global Warming we should be doing more not less to improve the ecosystems and air quality One more driveway built with each SDU - Everyone in any city needs a car because we can't walk and lug home all our groceries or walk to pay taxes etc It's not possible More car emissions and heat SDU 's should be confined to Downtown Hamilton or Farms In downtown It will provide needed shelter for the homeless Farmers families can stay living on the farm

Sincerely Marilyn Brown

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