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From: Anka Cassar
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:46 PM
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To whom it may concern,

Please add my letter to the agenda for the Council meeting dated April 12, 2022, regarding item 5.1.

I am an Ancaster resident and I am in favour of the update to the zoning by-law to eliminate exclusionary zoning. I do not believe that the "ER" zone in Ancaster should be excluded from this as Councillor Llyod Ferguson has requested.

I believe you should consider the points made by Chief Planner Steve Robichaud in reply to Councillor Ferguson's concerns about the character of Ancaster and flooding downstream. Converting an existing home's configuration to accommodate multiple dwelling will not affect the exterior of a home and building townhouses would be subject to the city's site plan control process and would require a storm water management plan. We can even impose green building standards like permeable paving, rain barrels, rain gardens and planting of trees and native plants vs turf to mitigate the issues of runoff.

Ancaster is a part of Hamilton and not the exception. We as a city need to work together to provide affordable housing for everyone. Gentle intensification is great solution to this issue and would alleviate the need to build multiple level buildings that Ancaster residents are so opposed to. If Hamilton is to accommodate another 236,000 people by 2051, changes are required and the status quo will not work.

Thank you,

Anka Cassar