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**Subject:**

Respecting Residential Zoning, Item 5.1 for Aug 12 Council meeting  
Dear Council and Mr. Mayor,

I am a resident of Ancaster and I object strongly to Cllr Ferguson's amendment to stop anyone in the ER zones of Ancaster from reconfiguring their house to anything from a duplex to a fourplex to a townhouse if space permits. Once again the Cllr is not representing the people he serves. I am in favour of this kind of gentle densification in all parts of Ancaster. How will changing around the inside of a house cause flooding downstream? It won't! I grew up in old Ancaster which has very effective ditches that channel water to behind Oneida Blvd and down the slope to a naturalized area above the 403. Our storm water doesn't even connect to city pipes so it does not contribute to the degradation of Cootes etc. It's a perfect system that works well and flooding is never an issue. I believe firmly that Cllr Ferguson is more concerned with NIMBY ideals and not wanting to 'ruin the character' of Ancaster. This is his real motivation. Please do not fall for this. Every plan that goes forward is subject to planning regulations and stormwater management, even in Ancaster.

We must end exclusionary zoning city wide and allow smaller, affordable housing to be built all across the city, including Ancaster.

As a resident of old Ancaster I can attest that Cllr Ferguson does not speak for me because I welcome gentle density, an end to exclusionary zoning and more affordable housing options all across every neighbourhood in the city.

Sincerely,  
Summer Thomas  
Old Ancaster