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To be added to the Aug 12 Council agenda, concerning Item 5.1

Dear Hamilton Councillors,

I grew up in Ancaster in Mohawk Meadows on Seneca Drive, and later settled in Dundas. I am in favour of **the elimination of exclusionary zoning**, and was thrilled that **the new zoning** was approved at the Planning Committee meeting. The request from Councillor Ferguson for Ward 12 to exclude the "ER" zone from the new zoning regulations is very puzzling given the evidence that was presented by Chief Planner Steve Robichaud. Not only does it not make sense, it's not fair to the other wards.

Councillor Ferguson's rant that the new zoning regulations would "radically change the character of Ancaster" is impossible to understand given that all changes would take place inside a home, invisible from the street. (I'd note that the monster homes, huge subdivisions and power centres that have been built in Ward 12 during his terms, however, *have* radically changed the character of Ancaster.)

Regarding storm water drainage, the ER zone - which includes my childhood street features the ditches that Councillor Ferguson referred to in his lone dissent the other day. These ditches - also known as storm sewers - manage an astonishing amount of water; in fact because they are permeable, they manage rain water much better than the modern storm sewers which are embedded in pavement. There are experts on your excellent staff qualified to explain to the Councillor why he need not be concerned about flooding; one can only hope he will listen.

Refusing to be a part of the solution to gentle intensification for no other reason than he doesn't like it is not productive or helpful to the city. Councillor Ferguson's Ancaster exceptionalism should not be approved.

With thanks for your consideration,

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