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**Subject:** Ancaster Exclusion

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Good morning,

As a resident of Ancaster, I am writing to you this morning to let you know that I am in favour of the change to the zoning by-law to eliminate exclusionary zoning. I do not support Cllr Ferguson's belief that the "ER" zone in Ancaster should be excluded from this and, I believe, if you took the time to speak to Ancaster residents, you would find that Cllr Ferguson does not speak for the vast majority of us and is instead perpetuating the myth that Ancaster residents are a group of snobby, rich people who think they are better than the rest of Hamilton.

Logically, Cllr Ferguson's concerns make no sense. I live in a large home that currently houses 7 of my family members. My parents live in an in-law suite in my walk-out style basement. When the time comes that they are unable to live in my home, how would converting this suite into a formal secondary unit have an impact on our sewer system? The same logic can be applied to the even larger homes in Ancaster Village. These homes can be converted in a responsible way that doesn't impact the exterior of the home in a negative way. The authenticity and heritage of the old village can be maintained with careful consideration. If we incorporate responsible design planning we can expect that permeable paving, rain barrels, rain gardens, and planting native trees and plants vs grass to help mitigate flood issues.

Ancaster should not be considered an exception to Hamilton. It is our responsibility to work together to provide affordable housing options for us all. Gentle intensification is an excellent option to our housing crisis in this city and it is critical that Ancaster be included in this type of planning.

Cllr Ferguson continues to attempt to hold our city back. He appears eager to create a legacy for his family name. We can't allow him to do that on our backs. I am grateful that all of you voted in favour of a Climate Change Office leaving Cllr Ferguson as the lone naysayer. I'm hopeful I can once again count on you to stop him from taking us further backward.

Sincerely,

Sherri Brown  
Ancaster Resident