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Hi I'm Paul. As a Ward 2 resident in the James St N and King William area, I want to provide my feedback regarding council plans to establish sanctioned encampment zones.

We can't ignore the reality of the homelessness in our city and I agree action is required. However the strategy to implement must consider residents in the area.

For sanctioned encampment sites:

- 1 - There need to be rules and regulations in place, monitoring by city officials and hamilton police to control illegal activity
- 2 - The selected sites must 100% consider their impact on neighborhoods. Public spaces like parks cannot be considered

The city should select a controlled, more isolated sites that do not impact residents. I live close to Gore and John Rebecca park and 100% object to encampments to be allowed in parks. I have observed health and safety issues like needles, violence and drug trafficking numerous times. The above conditions for selection will also mitigate fire risks to residents and existing structures.

Thank you,  
Paul Vicari