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Hello,

I am a young woman with a young family living on Strachan St East, in between James St. North and Hughson. My home is directly across the proposed tiny homes project location (HATS).

I am dismayed and concerned to hear that you are planning to construct 25 tiny homes in the parking lot across from my home. This location is absolutely the wrong place for such a project. There are residential family homes right across the road, a little park with an apple tree adjacent to the proposed lot, and a community centre and small elementary school with a daycare, mere meters from the location (Bennetto Elementary). Each morning, I see young families walking their preschoolers and to both daycare and school along the brand new multi-use foot and bike path next to the proposed location, which was build only a year (or two) ago...

I would like to know why you would propose putting tiny homes for the homeless in such a nice part of our NorthEnd community neighbourhood for non tax payers? There are many other locations that could be used that would not be directly in the path [+physically and emotionally], impacting residential homes, much-used parkland, a community centre and a school.

The NorthEnd has only recently become a much desirable area to live, with the city having recently spent millions to develop the Bayfront. The idea was to attract a viable and attractive NorthEnd, to bring in an improved living and lifestyle for residents moving in to the neighbourhood from Toronto and beyond. To create a policed tiny homeless-home project would degrade all these recent efforts and takeaway from the expenses and efforts made to improve our NorthEnd to date, not to mention significant increase neighbourhood safety concerns for children, pets and day to day quality of life.

I can guarantee you that many of us will not remain in the area where our children and ourselves will feel uncomfortable and unsafe. The concept of creating a bustling, successful residential community with a new Go station in the NorthEnd will be dashed and destroyed.

I see you have listed other possible sites for this project. Have you considered:  
A. An enourmous empty lot on Stewart Street directly across from the rail tracks, away from homes that is already paved and within walking distance to downtown core as

outlined as a need in your protocol draft? Surely if this space is not already city owned, it can be purchased for this exact purpose? Doing so would mean no Hamilton city residents or neighbourhoods would have to suffer from safety concerns due to drug use, loss of home value, etc.

B. Any industrial spots further down Burlington street away from residential spaces?

These above mentioned spaces would not interfere any tax payer spaces. Furthermore, respondents were clear in protocol feedback surveys that encampments should not be in city park land or near residential areas where children gather. While Bennetto School may be just over 100m, and the adjacent green space to the proposed lot not be officially considered a "park", it seems much too close for this lot to be an appropriate space. That parking lot is also used for families to park and enjoy public ally funded city events: Labour Day parade, Supercraw, Santa Parade, Canada Day events and other events that take place at Bay Front Park.

I understand and appreciate the motive for this project, however I think the space you've picked is irresponsible and short sighted. Not only that (and worse) this project puts myself, my family, and my neighbours at immediate risk of whatever unknown dangers will arise from having an encampment structure of tiny homes directly across our neighbourhood street.

Please, please do not put this project across the street from our homes. It is not right.

I look forward to hearing from you with both response to my questions and acknowledgment of my concerns.

Yours sincerely,  
Kelly Cornell