



In the report, Stone Church Road East has been designated as a “minor arterial road” which is an incorrect statement – the amount of traffic on this road makes it a major arterial road.

We understand that the city of Hamilton must do something to accommodate a future growth in the population. This does not mean, however, that the proposed population density quota must be satisfied in this small parcel of land. **All we are asking is that you strongly reconsider the number of dwellings to be built.** Common sense dictates that if you increase the number of dwellings and hence the number of drivers on the roads, that you create at least one road or more that will sustain the increase in traffic. **A road that connects the area out to Upper Wellington is crucial and essential.** This should be the number one priority of both the City of Hamilton and developers. To ignore this will cause so much undue stress on the lives of those of us who live in the area. Not only are the roads busy, but there are so many pedestrians including seniors and students and it is so dangerous for them to cross Stone Church Road as it is, can you imagine with the increase in traffic? As we all know, in the last few years, the traffic situation in Hamilton overall has changed: there are many more cars on the road and where once it would have taken 15 minutes to get somewhere, it now takes double that. **We need to think of the traffic situation first before any new developments can take place.** You have the responsibility to recognize how your actions and decisions made today will affect the citizens of the area and ultimately the entire city.

While some sort of development is welcome, the proposed plan is not compatible with the existing community. It is easy for someone who does not live in the area and will therefore not be impacted by this development to defend it and promote it but please think of those of us whose lives will drastically change. The safety of our homes will be compromised. Another solution can certainly be found - there must be a way to move forward with a development plan that respects the wishes of those of us that have lived here for almost 50 years.

**Changes to the proposed plan that are an absolute must are: a decrease in the proposed number of dwellings and providing additional access roads other than Crerar Drive and Stone Church Road East. No development should go ahead unless a new thoroughfare is created and the number of dwellings significantly reduced.**

A solution must be found that allows development while at the same time shows respect to the residents and taxpayers of the area and takes their concerns into consideration. It is the city councillors’ and developers’ responsibility to do the right thing. It is always our hope that the city act in the best interests of its citizens and if this proposed plan proceeds without any changes, a conscious choice is being made to not do that.

Sincerely,



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