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Subject: Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment (File No UHOPA-23-005)

Hello,

As a resident of this area for the past 28 years, I am strongly opposed to the proposed rezoning and the planned intensive development which will result in the addition of 300 dwellings (+1,000 people) into a very small parcel of land. This land is situated in a very high pedestrian traffic area, surrounded closely by two elementary schools and two busy plazas. Recent changes to slow traffic in this area has increased safety for the children specifically but this new development has the potential to **significantly increase safety risk for the school children** and their families on this curved stretch of road, with only one lane of road traffic each way.

At a recent public meeting, there were comments made that having an 8 story apartment building overlooking shared green space for the school children would improve safety by having more eyes on activities in this play area. **WRONG!!!! There is significant community concern that we are putting children more at risk of observation and thus, potential harm, as they travel to/from school, with the addition of the 8 story apartment building.**

It was also mentioned at this meeting that our area is **on a bus route** and thus an optimal choice for dense residential development from a planning perspective. **WRONG!!! This planned development screams of trying to put as much money into the pocket of developers as possible.** I would estimate that 99% of adult residents in our area use cars for transportation. The buses that travel through our area are mostly empty and bus shelters are either empty or have one person waiting at a time.

When people move(d) into this area, they did so by a paying a premium for the benefits of having a quiet, residential community. This new development will increase traffic, crime and our quality of life and as a result, **My family, neighbours and I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY THE 8 STOREY APARTMENT BUILDING.**

Mark