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Regarding the developers updated plan for the land off McNeilly Rd.

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I am a 25 year resident of [REDACTED] and I have concerns with these updated development plans, especially replacing park land with a stacked townhouse block.

I accept that change is inevitable and people need to find a place to live. It was a sour pill to swallow when the soft fruit trees were destroyed on the lands in question, but I understand.

I also understand that developers are businesses that employ many people and exist to turn profits, grow and continue on.

But development needs to be smart development, and smart development does not ignore the needs of the community. Nor does it eliminate park land in favour of a few more bucks, er I mean houses.

The community will change, does it really need to to be ugly misery for those of us who have lived here for decades?

I prefer socially and ecologically conscious growth over "pave the best farmland in Canada and squeeze every penny out of it" growth.

I'm sure there must be rules about park lands in these new sky high bunk bed house crammed neighborhoods - but I don't think these rules are strong enough.

Parks promote health and happiness. They bond neighbours together. Jamming tall townhouses everywhere and anywhere, uglifying the region, is irresponsible.

I believe there should be more of a transition from single story homes to the extremely tall stacked towns not an abrupt wall of brick and siding.

We are the people of Hamilton, and in a democracy shouldn't the say of the people have some power in these conversations??

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