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I am writing to express my opposition to an attempt to expand our urban boundaries which I understand is coming before the Planning Committee tomorrow, in the form of a proposed development by Upper West Side.

We should not allow development outside our existing boundaries for several good reasons:

- Development in remote parts results in increased car usage, which is inimical to attempts to reduce our carbon footprint.
- Perfectly good farmland (or natural habitat land if not farmed) is destroyed instead of redeveloping land within our boundaries.
- The cost of providing services to these developments is borne by existing tax payers, not developers.

I understand that the developer has spent money purchasing these lands and wants a return on their investment. But that's why it is called speculation, not a sure thing. You can't always get what you want.

All the best,
Michael Clase