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Subject: Please say no to the expansion of Hamilton's firm urban boundary onto hundreds of acres of Prime Hamilton Farmland.

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I'm sending this message to ask you to say "no" to speculators' application to Hamilton City Council for approval to quickly force the expansion of Hamilton's firm urban boundary onto hundreds of acres of Prime Hamilton Farmland.

The city of Hamilton has a \$3.8 Billion deficit in funding. It's difficult to maintain our existing crumbling infrastructure.

Adding more roads, water mains, etc. on farmland will exacerbate this deficit making **taxpayers pay more**. Like many, I'm a senior, on a fixed income. I expect my elected officials to help me stay in my home, rather than make it too expensive for me to stay here.

Expanding the urban boundary into the proposed area would put houses in a place with no infrastructure. No access to food, schools, rapid transportation, or recreation/library centres. This plan would not only destroy valuable farm land. It would add more cars, pollution and light pollution. This is counter-productive to achieving a green city.

The developers have proposed to include 500 "affordable units." Many people living in affordable housing can't afford a car/transportation. People living in affordable housing need access to services, not relegated to isolated areas.

Hamiltonians were asked, and said "no", to urban boundary expansion. Study after study, has not supported urban boundary expansion. Reports have advised adequate space exists within our current urban boundary for the growth needed.

I'm asking you to vote "no" to the developers request the expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary.

Regards,

Jan Park Dorsay