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Subject: Submission of Comments re. public meeting on urban boundary expansion

Hello Planning Committee Members,

I am writing to submit my personal comments in regard to the upcoming public meeting on April 8 to consider amendments to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan and Rural Hamilton Official Plan.

As a tax-payer and resident of Hamilton, I am officially opposed completely to any urban boundary expansion. The City of Hamilton should intensify within existing pre-established urban boundaries and build more small, affordable rental accommodations to address the homeless issue. But also of utmost importance is the protection of our precious greenbelt, which previous governments had the vision to establish, realizing that without these protections, the temptation to build out and pave over greenbelt would be too tempting and would proceed without control, resulting in permanent irreversible loss. Now, more than ever, with the threats from the U.S., we need to depend on growing our food locally, and not importing it from elsewhere, This is more sustainable environmentally and in terms of our economic future and well being.

As a person who values our natural world, I feel passionately that we have a responsibility to protect it for future generations, as well as our own survival. I cannot stress enough how strongly I feel about this, so I am adding my voice

as a citizen urging you to maintain the existing urban boundary at all costs.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my comments and the time you took in listening to them.

Regards,

Lois Corey