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Sent: June 17, 2025 6:40 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Cc: Aparna Rao
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Urban Boundary Expansion in Elfrida

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Dear City of Hamilton Planning Committee,

We are writing to formally express my opposition to the proposed Urban Boundary Expansion (UBE) that would include the land behind my property. While we understand the need for housing and development in Hamilton, we strongly believe that expanding the urban boundary in this area would place undue strain on existing infrastructure, harm the environment, and negatively impact current residents.

Our primary concerns regarding this proposal include:

1. Insufficient Infrastructure for Hydro, Wastewater, and Sewage

Hamilton's existing water, wastewater, and sewage systems are already under pressure. Expanding development into new areas would require costly upgrades to municipal services, potentially leading to:

- Increased property taxes to fund new infrastructure.
- Overburdened wastewater and stormwater systems, raising flood risks.
- Higher demand for hydro, which may lead to service disruptions or increased costs for existing residents.

2. Lack of Vehicular and Public Transit Infrastructure

The roads and public transit systems in this area are already congested and insufficient to support a significant population increase. Key concerns include:

- Increased traffic congestion on Trinity Church Road, Rymal Rd, Upper Red Hill Valley Parkway, Red Hill Valley Parkway, Lincoln Pkwy, etc., which are already operating at or beyond capacity.
- Lack of reliable public transit options, forcing new residents to rely on cars and exacerbating traffic and emissions.
- Potential safety risks due to inadequate road design for higher volumes of vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Alternative Solutions

Rather than expanding outward, the City should prioritize:

- Brownfield redevelopment (repurposing underused industrial/commercial land).
- Higher-density infill projects within existing urban boundaries.

- Improved transit-oriented development near existing infrastructure.

We urge the City of Hamilton to reject this UBE proposal and instead focus on sustainable, infrastructure-conscious development strategies. Please consider the long-term costs and impacts on current residents before approving any boundary expansion.

Request to be notified on decision: We request to be notified of the City of Hamilton's decision on the proposed Official Plan Amendment.

Request to remove Personal Information: We request to remove our personal information from any of our comments that would be published on the City's website.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Sushant Tare and Aparna Rao