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Dear councillors,

I am once again urging you to vote against the annexation of additional rural lands for sprawl-based luxury housing development in Ancaster. The lands in question fall partly within the Green Belt, and are protected under the Niagara Escarpment Commission. The residents of Hamilton have shown over and over that we reject wanton and wasteful urban sprawl onto agricultural and natural lands. Council has agreed that future development of housing in Hamilton should be IN Hamilton, i.e within the existing urban boundary, and be designed to provide housing for those who are really in need of affordable opportunities to be housed.

The very concept of a Green Belt is that it should be a permanent buffer of agricultural, recreational, and environmentally functional lands that service the needs of the community and prevent the fusion of existing urban settlements into an unhealthy and monotonous sprawling megalopolis. It should be made clear to developers that speculation on such lands is a losing investment in and around Hamilton. The idea that the desire for a livable, resilient, healthy urban environment is just "red tape" that must be "eliminated" is a cynical evil driven by greed and not by sensible planning.

Please vote NO on this application.

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