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I am resident of Ward 2 who is concerned about the forced urban boundary expansion, when previously the vote and public consensus has been to maintain the current boundary. I am confident my councillor will make the appropriate vote against the development proposals, so this is a plea to others to vote against the unnecessary development as well.

The suffering under the heatwave of the past few days serves as a reminder that it is crucial more than ever to protect valuable farmland and greenspace to fight the climate crisis. Suburban development only serves the developers and comes at great cost to endangered species, tennable land for food sources (reminder of public demand to support canadian, canadian farmland and food sources should be supported more than ever), and cost to the taxpayers of Hamilton and area as well.

The city has many areas of potential infill which should be the focus of development. Further developing the suburbs is unsustainable and unaffordable for the citizens.

Hamilton has the opportunity to serve as a leader in building density and focusing on environmentally sustainable development especially with the coming building of the LRT and adjoining bus route changes. Hamilton should take note of other cities in the GTHA who have allowed sprawl and are suffering the consequence of short sighted development and say no to suburban sprawl to serve as an example of a city that can build sustainably and intelligently and thrive in the future. The needs of the city and its citizens lies in the current urban boundary. The future taxpayers currently unable to comfortably play outside at recess due to extreme heat and smoke from wildfires are counting on you to vote against such proposals so that they have a future where they can enjoy a thriving, not threatened, ecosystem of diverse species, produce grown locally, and a city built with them in mind with the development of affordable, intelligently built housing and infrastructure rather than poorly built, overpriced, isolating, and oversized homes surrounded by dangerous roadways that they as future taxpayers will continue to subsidize long after they are built.

Say NO to sprawl. Say YES to a future where Hamilton is a leader in sustainability, deficit free, and one where our children can comfortably and safely play outside.