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As a recent immigrant to Canada and a resident of Ancaster (Ward 12) for the past three years, I feel compelled to express my strong opposition to the proposed urban boundary expansion and the paving over of farmlands and environmentally sensitive wetlands. One of the key reasons my family and I chose to relocate from the urban landscape of Toronto to Ancaster was precisely because of the unique character of this community — its access to green spaces, natural beauty, and the agricultural lands surrounding it. We deliberately sought an environment where our children could grow up with a closer connection to nature, rather than being confined to yet another overdeveloped urban centre.

We have actively opposed previous efforts to expand the urban boundary and genuinely believed that the community had already made its position clear — that farmland preservation, and responsible, sustainable development are priorities for Ancaster/Hamilton residents.

We urge decision-makers to listen to residents' voices. Let us ensure that development reflects the values of the people who live here — not at the expense of our environment, our farmlands, or our children's future.

Regards,

Stephanie Sonawane