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**Subject:** Objection to proposed development: Wilson Street East, Ancaster (392, 398, 400, 406, 412)

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To the Committee,

I am an Ancaster resident of over 6 years, and I am writing to object to the proposed 8-story mixed use development on Wilson Street East.

As a young family, we chose Ancaster as a base for its village charm and quaint streetscape. This development sadly does not fit the historical aesthetic that being one of Ontario's oldest towns provides, and is a structural insult to the 3-story limit previously imposed on the village. I have yet to speak to a resident in support of this project, suggesting its approval thus far is only in the interest of the developers and committee members supporting it, not the long-term future preservation of Ancaster's unique identity.

The proposal leverages traffic studies performed during COVID when commuter traffic was at an all-time low, and has not extensively considered nor sufficiently mitigated the huge impact to surrounding residents in terms of noise, pollution, parking issues, property values decreasing and overall congestion.

Ancaster is somewhere people visit to experience a true village feeling - this development single-handedly destroys that image and will no longer be somewhere families want to bring their children and spend their time/money. This will affect local businesses and residents alike.

Please heavily consider the precedent being set with this proposed development and the inevitable destruction of the identity of Ancaster.

Thanks for your attention,

Samantha Vandermark