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Subject: 2631 Hyde Park Rd. and 1521 Sunningdale Rd. W.

Hello Chair Squire, Councillors Lehman, Hopkins, Lewis, Hillier and Mayor Holder,

Hope you're keeping well and enjoying some of the sunshine today.

I'm reaching out to share concerns about [the proposal from Auburn Development](#). I appreciate the difficulty in these types of decisions which seem to address a housing shortage and school overcrowding at the same time, but this decision to move forward with the residential development proposal would have long-term negative and expensive impacts for our city.

This proposed residential development on the edge of the city is not in line with the climate emergency declaration or the London Plan, and has already received critical concerns from staff. As well, I appreciate the thoughtful deliberations that the [PEC councillors have already displayed back in May when this development was discussed, which outlined the need for a secondary plan before moving forward](#).

As some of the Councillors on PEC have already identified, approving this development without a secondary area plan would set a dangerous development precedent. It doesn't directly address the affordable housing crisis as this development of single family homes wouldn't offer affordable units. It goes against the London Plan of developing inwards and upwards and will create a long-term maintenance burden, as well as locking future residents into a high emission lifestyle (reliant on cars and low-density home heating).

Residents in this development would all rely on cars for transportation, as it's not on a bus route or connected to cycling infrastructure. Until this type of infrastructure and servicing can be developed through a secondary plan, this type of development goes against the climate emergency declaration made by Council in 2019.

Thanks for your attention to this issue,

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