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Ms Andrea Smith
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Planning and Building Department
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Dear Ms Smith,

Re: February 2018 Proposed Official Plan for the City of Burlington
Address: 6589 Milborough Line, Burlington, Ontario

We have been following the City of Burlington's proposed Official Plan update project and have attended numerous open houses and public meetings in regards to the proposed Official Plan. Our property is located at the north-east corner of Milborough Line and Kilbride Street.

Our above-referenced property is currently designated as Rural and Escarpment Rural Area. The draft Official Plan proposes to designate the property as Rural and Escarpment Rural Area *as well* as the City's Green System, City's Natural Heritage System: Key Natural Features and Other Enhancement Areas, Linkages and Buffers, and Identified Mineral Resource Area. The proposed designations at the rear of my property are the reason for this letter.

The mapping provided in the draft Official Plan demonstrates natural features at a scale that makes it difficult to interpret. While the air photo shows a wooded area, the quality of that area is questionable. Specifically, the proposed mapping does not accurately reflect the onsite condition of my property and its relation to the land uses within the Natural Heritage System, the Key Natural Features, and the Identified Mineral Resource Area. We currently use the property for agricultural purposes, and plan to continue to do so. The proposed designations at the rear of the property may limit our ability for agricultural uses in future across the entire property.

The NEC Rural Policies objectives seek to permit agriculture and forest management practices. However, with the additional layer of City's Natural Heritage Systems and Key Natural Features, as well as Identified Mineral Resource Area located on Schedule I, J, M and N, it is not clear if these permitted uses can exist across my entire property.

We request to be notified of: any future meetings, any Council meeting where Council make a decision, and Council's decision on the draft Official Plan. We would be happy to discuss this matter with you further. Should you have any questions, feel free to call or email us.

Thank you.

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