

DEPUTATION IN WRITING

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

OCTOBER 8, 2020

Subject: Protect the Greenbelt

Spokesperson: Susan Sheard

Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

Dear York Regional Council,

This Thursday October 8th please vote against opening up the Greenbelt to create more employment lands in three areas along 400 series highways. These lands are no less worthy of protection now than they were in 2005; in fact, given our failure to reduce ghg emissions, the increasing stresses on our watersheds, and the growing scarcity of green spaces, they are more worthy of protection now than ever before.

With approximately 125,600 hectares of approved housing and employment lands in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, there is no reason to exploit protected lands. Opening up these lands to development will set a precedent for other regions, and will spell the beginning of the end of the Greenbelt. Once we've paved over these lands, there won't be any turning back. Please vote no.

Thanks and best regards,

Susan Sheard

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