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Planning and Development Committee  
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To Whom it May Concern,

In previous letters I have petitioned the City to recommend the inclusion of my property Con 2 PT Lot 10 GL GB in the grids plan as future development property. The property has a number of features that distinguish it from others in the area. It does not contain either a creek or woodlot. It was originally planned for a sub division. It has 15 existing homes built on it and two sixty-six foot right a ways for future development. It has had city water for over to 30 years. There is a pumping station in the vicinity of Upper James and Twenty roads, which can accommodate sewers to it. Recently this station was allowed to handle storm water as it had extra capacity.

This property was not in the Green Belt draft plan that went through public consultation but was later added to the plan before being voted on at Queens Park. Neither myself, the city or many MPP’s were made aware of changes to the final draft and the inclusion of my property before the province voted on this extremely important legislation. No changes were to be made to the final draft, however changes were made and concealed from voting MPPs. This was a flagrant violation of public trust and a misuse of power by those responsible. After serving the community as both a veterinarian and a farmer for over forty years I find my property’s value has been greatly depreciated since it is both in the Greenbelt and National Heritage Area which restricts it’s use.

This property borders the city and city services. Logically it should have been the next area for development. Instead due to political expedience and influence the development moved to Binbrook and Winona taking over hundreds of acres of viable farmland and disrupting the countryside.

This comes at a time when the province is negotiating land rights with the First Nations close by in Caledonia. The protesters have broken the law, burnt tires, thrown items from a bridge, blocked roads and are holding the town hostage. In contrast I feel the province has shown total disregard for my property rights by wrongly including my property in the Greenbelt and imposing harsh restrictions on the use of the property.

Now is the time to right a wrong and take a stand for democracy and good planning. It will also allow me to support the city and the Grids Plan instead of launching an appeal.

Sincerely

[Signature]
Dr Thomas Nügent