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Mayor Rob Burton and Members of Council
Town of Oakville
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Sent via email to townclerk@oakville.ca

RE: Public Meeting and Recommendation Report – Town-initiated Official Plan Amendments to preserve the town’s protected employment areas per subsections 1 (1.1) and (1.2) of the Planning Act (File No. 52.57.03)

The Building Industry and Land Development Association has received Item 6.2, “Public Meeting and Recommendation Report – Town-Initiated Official Plan Amendments to Preserve the Town’s Protected Employment Areas” per subsections 1 (1.1) and (1.2) of the Planning Act, which is being presented at a public meeting on October 15th. BILD thanks the Town for the opportunity to submit the following comments, and we hope they will be taken into consideration.

To begin, BILD would like to emphasize the critical role employment lands play in fostering complete and thriving communities. We strongly believe that a balanced, healthy community must include employment lands, providing spaces where residents can live, work, and play, contributing to the overall sustainability and vitality of the area.

We recognize the Town’s approach in adopting these Official Plan Amendments as an interim measure, with the understanding that a comprehensive review will follow to determine which lands can appropriately accommodate residential uses instead of being restricted exclusively to employment. It is crucial that the Town conducts this review through a comprehensive and transparent process, ensuring meaningful engagement with all affected landowners at every stage. This approach will foster collaboration, address concerns, and lead to more informed outcomes for all involved.

As a key stakeholder, BILD would also like to remain involved in these discussions, as we can serve as a valuable resource for the Town. While we understand and support this interim approach, it’s important to note that some of our members have expressed concerns about relying on it as a stopgap measure. Nevertheless, we are confident that the Town will strike the right balance between housing and employment supply to support both development and the broader economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this correspondence. Should you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Kind regards,

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CC: BILD Halton Forum Members

The Building Industry and Land Development Association is an advocacy and educational group representing the building, land development and professional renovation industry in the Greater Toronto Area. BILD is the largest home builders' association in Canada, and is affiliated with the Ontario Home Builders' Association and the Canadian Home Builders' Association. It's 1,200 member companies consists not only of direct industry participants but also of supporting companies such as financial and professional service organizations, trade contractors, as well as manufacturers and suppliers of home-related products.