

I appeal to you to save the 185 hectares of land at Anse-à l'Orme in Pierrefonds West and to protect its sensitive habitat and biodiversity and the human species in the long term.

Please do not build a housing development. We need the green space to survive as a species. Forests are the lungs of the planet where we get our oxygen. They are not a luxury but a necessity. Preserving the entire space is essential to support biodiversity and connectivity. The project would further increase traffic on the already congested Autoroute 20 and 40 causing more noise and air pollution.

Can we please be forward thinkers and find ways to expand housing in an ecological, sustainable way without destroying the precious little bits of green space we have. In 2012 Montreal adopted the PMAD which includes the protection of 17% of green space. At 12% today, we are far from this goal. Let's be consistent and keep to our goals.

You have received many letters on this. Please read them carefully and know that each letter probably represents hundreds of people who are over whelmed by responsibilities or illness and have no time or energy to write to you. This is 2017 and there is enough science and studies on the necessity of forests.

Thank you for your time on this important matter.

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