

## Future of Pierrefonds-West area

This document is to express my opinion in response to the new 185-hectare residential development over the green fields of West Pierrefonds.

Looking at current satellite photos showing the state of urban development of the Island of Montréal, it is easy to realize that the concerned undeveloped area is the last and biggest green space in the entire Island and it is now subject to a public debate over to be absorbed by urban growth.

As such, the proposed project threatens to eliminate the balance that currently exists in the sector between urbanism and green, wild areas. If the project rolls out as proposed, the negative environmental impact will be undeniably very profound to the fauna in the area: From insects to birds to small and bigger mammals will be displaced further away from the Island of Montréal or be forced to reduced their populations due to lack of natural habitats and that is a direct deterioration of the biodiversity of this and the surrounding areas. This notion is shared by members of "Savons l'Anse à l'Orme" and the "Green Coalition" groups who have explained to me this impact with substantiating expert studies.

The concerned area has already been subject to deforestation and used as farm lands. this forced the environment to find a new balance that will be broken again and forever if the area is consumed by the proposed development.

The foregoing is the reason why I'm opposing the project as submitted for public consultation and would like the authorities to consider a debate that would include finding alternate areas for residential development and/or areas to increase density of residential construction in order to preserve this big green area as an untouched habitat for the local species.

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