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I could go on and on but as a father who moved here to get away from the city and the major issues that come with over population in areas not suited for massive growth and development looking to raise my family in an environment where they can breathe fresh air and play in the yard. It is sad to see it happening here and don't want to watch as a nice area with clean air, land, and little water turn into no water, constant car traffic, clear cutting taking away all the trees and watching our town turn to a city as developers destroy everything that is our rural area.

Developers get away with too much and walk all over Halifax council don't let it happen here.

Below are things outlined in community meetings brought forward as to why we say no high-density urban developments do not belong in established rural areas. This project poses severe risks to our local infrastructure, natural environment, and public safety.

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Dawson road is a special place to live.

We have a strong sense of community.

Homeowners enjoy a friendly neighborhood vibe.

We wave to each other when we meet on the road and when in need, we are there for each other, like family.

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