

I have lived in Pierrefonds for over 50 years and first moved here in 1963 when I was 6 years old. At the time my parents had bought a new house in Pierrefonds West, west of Boulevard Saint. Charles. This boulevard was a dirt road at the time. Pierrefonds Boulevard did not exist. I spent an idyllic childhood playing in the fields around our house. There were forests, woods and farms.

Over the years, the City of Pierrefonds has developed into a densely populated suburb of Montreal. I would like to register my strong opposition to the proposed development at L'Anse à l'Orme. I am not opposed to development but, with urban sprawl, arable land and land that is home to a variety of species, some of them endangered, are being built on simply because it is the most cost efficient and easiest means to provide services to our citizens.

To protect the few eco systems that remain on the island of Montreal for our citizens and for the future, urban planning needs to optimize abandoned industrial property, abandoned schools and churches, and commercial buildings, and provide dense housing in areas that have already been urbanized. We do not need another housing project in this space that will destroy the habitat of birds, mammals and reptiles. Mayor Coderre has repeatedly said that it is his objective to revitalize Montreal's core. This project does not support this vision, nor does it support his vision of protecting 10% of the island's green space.

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