

Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe  
Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal  
Smart Growth Secretariat  
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Dear Ministry,

The Green Door Alliance (GDA) is pleased to respond to your call for feedback on the "PLACES TO GROW" Discussion Paper, 2004.

Enclosed are two submissions, from two different analysts prepared for the GDA. Each presents his unique appreciation the Minister's Discussion Paper. They both support the government's initiative and agree on the basic elements for reform, such as, setting growth boundaries and halting 400 series highway expansion.

Mr. Buckles paper is presented in the context of proposed reforms to the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement and OMB and the Greenbelt Plan on which he has previously responded. He reminds us: "the devil is in the detail".

Mr. Almack whose study of Ontario Planning goes back to the promotion and demise of the Toronto Centered Region Plan is more skeptical, provides a "Critique", implementation recommendations, and some of the details.

We trust you will find both papers helpful and constructive. Despite past planning reform failures we remain optimistic.

Yours truly,

Paul Thompson, President, Green Door Alliance Inc.