

Dear councillor Rahman,

Canadian Mental Health Association Thames Valley Addiction and Mental Health Services (women and female-identifying hub)

705 Fanshawe Park Rd. W. — opening: May 2024 (pending rezoning) — 20 transitional beds — capital cost to build: \$497,800 — annual operating cost: \$2,630,854

I would like to express my opposition to the above proposal. It is irresponsible to rezone the land on 705 Fanshawe Park Rd W to accommodate the homeless hub. All the other sites that are proposed are in properly zoned areas, on hospital grounds or My Sisters Place. This is the only one requiring rezoning. This is not appropriate, this is a family subdivision with children, this zoning will completely change this area going forward and this is certainly not what we, as homeowners signed up for when we purchased our homes.

These are family homes most of them with children. As a homeowner with children in the area I would like to express my frustration that this is even considered. This is not what the homeowners signed up for when we purchased the property in this area. This sort of proposal is not safe for the people living here and especially for the children. I am sure there are sites in London that are properly zoned and meet the requirements for this kind of proposal. I urge the council to take this matter seriously and hear the concerns from the people living in the area and find another spot to accommodate the homeless population.

I am sure the council is aware of the concerns that people have expressed in regards to homeless hubs being brought into their neighborhoods. The following is from CTV News

CTV News article link [New homeless shelter brings drugs and crime, neighbours say | CTV News](#)

In an email, one resident stated the situation “makes us feel unsafe in our neighbourhood.”

Another CTV News article states the criteria for homeless hubs:

Criteria revealed for 15 homeless hubs to be located in London, Ont Published July 17, 2023 8:13 p.m.

EDT fee free to look it up, it won't let me link it to this letter

“However, it is also recommended that they not be located in “close proximity” to elementary schools, splash pads/wading pools, or the interior of residential neighbourhoods.”

This makes me think that the council is fully aware of what these hubs are potentially bringing into our backyards, and you all simply don't care.

Is anyone thinking of the sort of traffic that it would bring to our neighborhood? There is a reason the zoning does not accommodate this. These are not even traditional shelter spaces. “The types of individuals being supported through this effort are those in need of multiple supports, which require multiple staff with a high level of expertise,” office of Mayor Josh Morgan. Every other location is on hospital grounds and not put in the middle of a residential neighborhood with a high population of small children.

Was this even communicated with the families living in the neighborhood? If it wasn't for the Facebook group, I wouldn't even know that this is happening.

To try to push this without any input from the community living in this area is irresponsible and underhanded considering it is our taxpayer money that is funding the project and we are the ones that will have to live with our neighborhood dynamic being changed.

I strongly urge you to reconsider and oppose this matter as there are people in the neighborhood that trusted you with their vote to have their best interests while representing them in City Hall. The fact that this wasn't opposed immediately and seen as an issue is quite concerning and is really making me wonder if you were the right person to be voted in to represent us.

Sincerely,  
Jovana Majstorovic