

I'm writing with respect to the proposed rezoning of 705 Fanshawe Park Road West.

I recognize the need for housing of London's growing homeless population. It is an issue that must be addressed.

But the proposed site at 705 Fanshawe Park Road West does not seem appropriate for this use. The site is in an area that is predominantly residential with a high school and public school in close proximity. Although I sympathize with the plight of the homeless, our first priority must be the safety of our young. In addition, the area has few public amenities (parks, public spaces) to support such a project and the local businesses, including a children's toy store do not provide the services that would also be needed. Although public transit will service the site, the site is somewhat remote and as such there are few walkable destinations that should be part of any site being considered for this purpose.

Although the motel at 705 Fanshawe Park West would be an expedient choice, it is not an appropriate choice.

Council and Staff should continue it's due diligence and find sites that better address the needs of London's homeless.

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