

Hello,

My name is Slavko Les and I currently reside in ward 7. I am greatly concerned with the proposed site of 705 Fanshawe Park Rd. West (the Light House Inn) as a homeless hub.

As we are well aware with locations such as the mens mission, the Salvation Army and other locations where there are service for these people such as the methadone clinics these vulnerable people tend to cogitate and spill out onto the streets impacting business and public safety. We have many businesses that employ young students within a short walking distance of this proposed site not to mention the public schools within Foxfield, Whitehills, Sunnigdale and Masonville and SAB Highschool.

It has been a proven fact that these homeless sites increase drug usage and crime in the areas where they are situated. A good example of this would be the homeless hub that was on Elizabeth Street in December 2021 and within a couple weeks CTV News was reporting the complaints from local residents within 2 weeks of this location opening highlighting these concerns.

The city of London currently does not have that the Police resources to handle the crime in the current areas and to handle the added calls that stem from these vulnerable people in a central location which is predominantly within a block or two from the police station. I am sure the City of London has not increased the budget enough to hire the proper amount officers needed to effectively police the city. I feel that 1710 Wharnccliffe Rd. South (Casa Blanca Motel) would be a much better location as this is an isolated area away from schools and residential.

The amount of tax payers money that is spent on housing these homeless people is astronomical and I am shocked that these people are being provided drugs to further aid their addictions and problems.

I believe the tax payers money should be spent on opening mental hospitals to get to the root of the problem for these people that are camping rough. If we treat their addictions and mental illness in the long term the city would be further ahead saving money as crime rates and drug usage will go down and these people will have a better chance of becoming productive members of society once again.

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