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Subject: [EXTERNAL] 705 Fanshawe Park Rd Homeless Hub

Dear Strategic Priorities and Planning Committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed location of 705 Fanshawe Park Road for a homeless hub. To me, it does not seem like a logical site as there is not currently a homeless population in this area. My instinct is that to have the greatest impact, it would be important to place these homeless hubs, with their 24/7 wrap around services, in locations that London's homeless population can easily access 24/7. The individuals that the homeless hubs are aiming to help are already facing significant challenges in their daily lives, why would a resource designed to help them be situated so far away it's now another problem to access it?

Additionally, it does concern me that the city bus route along Fanshawe will become utilized by individuals requiring the services at the homeless hub at this address. It needs to be noted that this city bus is depended on by students attending SAB who do not qualify for school buses but are zoned for that school. It is very concerning to me that adolescents making their way to and from high school could potentially be sharing the bus with people suffering from addiction as they're make their way to and from this proposed hub.

Also, as I'm sure all members on your committee are aware of, there's a popular toy store (Mastermind) and music store (Long and Mcquade) near this proposed site both frequented by families and children. The music store is a popular place for children's music lessons not only shopping.

I would also like to mention that it's alarming that while the sites of the homeless hubs were only just recently made public on September 20th, citizens have been told that city council will be voting on this on October 5th. This leaves very little time for discussion among Londoners and little opportunity for councillors to discuss with their constituents. Rushing this through council approximately 2 weeks after announcing the chosen addresses appears strategic to limit conversation and potential opposition. It is an effective way to stifle democracy and its disappointing to see this from the city of London.

Sincerely,

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