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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re-zoning for possible Homeless Hub

I have recently been made aware of the intent to re-zone The Black Pearl Inn on Fanshawe and make it a hub for the homeless. There are articles alluding to the specifics for drug addiction and mental illness. As a resident of the neighbourhood directly behind the Black Pearl, I want to document my STRONG OPPOSITION to this re-zoning and plan to locate a hub in this area. This neighbourhood houses 1000's of children. As a mother of 4, we are cautious in certain areas of London do to the increase in homelessness and dangers surrounding that population. There have been many reports of syringes found, drugs and violence in these areas. My husband and I have worked our entire lives to be able to provide a safe home in a safe neighbourhood for our family. We pay a substantial amount in property taxes and worked hard to build our "forever home" in a family friendly neighbourhood with other families who share the same goals, values and priorities. There are infinite possibilities and ramifications for bringing a facility of that nature to this neighbourhood. The safety of the children who live here, walk the paths and play in the parks are of the utmost importance. There is no question that the location of this facility will lead to an influx of homeless in the area. This is unacceptable and quite worrisome. There is no strong support system in place from the city to support the residents, families and children, if this re-zoning moves forward. The increase in homelessness around London is staggering and there has been no curb to its growth. It is very concerning that the taxpayers of this area were not a priority in this decision. Many residents were unaware that this facility was even a consideration. Once informed, all have been very concerned, uncomfortable and worried about the future of our neighbourhood. Families frequent this area on Fanshawe as there is a toy store and other successful businesses. There are many schools all within walking distance of this proposed facility. The children in this area should be the highest priority. Anything that could possibly cause harm or have even the smallest negative impact on them should not even be a consideration.

A VERY concerned resident,

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