

Hello,

I would like to submit my comments below for the report pertaining to the Homeless hub potential location on Fanshawe Park Rd W:

I am writing to you in concern over the potential Homeless Hub location on Fanshawe Park Rd. I do not think that it is appropriate or safe to have a facility of this nature located so close to family homes, playgrounds, and local businesses. While I fully support finding effective ways to help homeless individuals, including in those with mental health issues; I cannot understand why an area that is largely made-up of family homes, in a more expensive area of town, with limited public transportation options has been selected. It does not seem that the impact of the citizens in the immediate area, including children and business owners; has been considered. Particularly since such a site would allow for "safe" needle use, this creates a significant health and safety risk to all individuals in the area.

Conversely, does this location truly support the best interests of the homeless hub? Wouldn't a central location with access to the resources and help that they need, including better public transportation options; be more suitable? Is the Fanshawe park area truly equipped to assist this homeless population with the healthcare, mental health resources, and rehabilitation that they may need? This situation feels like the city is looking to ship these individuals out to a spot in the city that they have space to build. It does not feel like this has been thoroughly vetted and the impact to the community truly considered. Will addition safety measures or police presence be available if required? My spouse works in a business immediately adjacent to this potential hub location and it makes me incredibly concerned about how it will impact his daily job, and especially his safety. Their location already struggle with theft and this type of facility would like make an existing issue much worse. This will impact large number of citizens lives, and not all for the better. Please think of the safety and future of this neighborhood community and have the homeless hub location changed. I do not support having this hub on Fanshawe park rd W.

Thank you,
Erin Fredin