

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in opposition of the proposed homeless hub on Fanshawe near wonderland.

The location in question fails to meet several thresholds that I think should be required prior to being passed.

First, it is the only proposed hub that requires rezoning. It fails to meet the basic requirements outlined for initial consideration.

Second, it jeopardizes several local buses and child-centric locations.

It will be adjacent to a prominent children's toy store, literally within 20m. This not only threatens the viability of the store as parents look to mitigate potential risks but also reinforces the stigma's and feelings of isolation those Londoner's using the space will experience. Long & Mcquade's offers music lessons and dedicated programs for children that will also unnecessarily increase the exposure young children have to some of the conditions and potential behaviours that will be transpire. A local high school of over 1600 kids will be within 1500m of the proposed site as well. The provincial government revoked funding for similar projects in london near Beal high school when a proposed safe injection site was promoted on York street.

Third, the site is not directly near a major transportation hub that would provide employment or other essential services for individuals dealing with homelessness. How can this site be viable long term if users have limited access to employment locally and difficult transportation requirements to get to the core?

Finally, an integral mandate and necessary requirement for any successful program attempting to service the downtrodden and homeless is integration with other harm reduction services. I don't see how the proposed site helps enhance their level of care or access to other essential services. They're being put on an island significantly further from the health unit and care centres in the core than any other proposed hub.

I hope you reconsider the proposed location for the self-interest of those that will use the proposed hub and for the children and students that will be unnecessary exposed to issues and challenges that are beyond their level of comprehension and emotional intelligence.

Regards,

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