

Hello Corrine,

I have been a resident of the white Hills & Fox Field community for over 12 years. I grew up in the downtown core, where I was exposed to street violence, drug/alcohol abuse and assaulted more than once well before I was in high school.

My wife and I moved out to this community because we believed it was a good, strong community where we could raise a family and reduce the risk of violence for our 2 young children. We now face the threat of being spot in the middle of the Limberlost low income housing to the east, the current development of further low income housing on S. arrowhead/Hyde Park to the southwest, and now a homeless hub to the north, all just minutes away from our home.

I had the pleasure of being at our mayor's State of the city address this past year, and was very happy to hear about his plans to combat homelessness and homeless prevention but at what cost?

Where will these people go to find work? How/where will they keep busy and when away from the hub? Who's going to patrol day and night, picking up needles and crack pipes left all over the parks and sidewalks?

The members of this community did not settle in the outskirts of northwest London to deal with the issues of the London core.

As members of this specific community, the mayor and yourself are failing all of us who live in it.

I have spent much time donating to efforts to those in need across London, and will continue to do so, but this decision makes no strategic sense what do ever, and inflation and the current housing market doesn't give most of us the opportunity to even leave a situation we're being forced into.

Please stop this before we lose our community and our confidence in our current London representatives.

Regards,
Marc Santerre