

September 21, 2023

Councillor Corrine Rahman
Ward 7
City of London

**Re: Proposed Homeless Hub - Canadian Mental Health Association Thames Valley
Addiction and Mental Health - 705 Fanshawe Park Road West, London, Ontario**

Dear Councillor Rahman,

We are writing you this letter regarding the recent media coverage of the City of London's identification of 5 potential Homeless Hub locations.

Of great concern is the identification of 705 Fanshawe Park Road West, London (the current Lighthouse Inn / Black Pearl Restaurant). This location is in the heart of a residential community that is home to many families with children, seniors and middle aged residents. The proposed location is right beside a children's education toy store (Mastermind), not to mention within walking distance to a large high school (Saint Andre Bessette Secondary School) with a student population of 1200. It is also within walking distance to two large senior retirement residence homes (Fox Hollow Retirement Residence and Amica London).

As retirees we have great concerns in relation to the safety of ourselves, our daughters families, grandchildren and our elderly parents who all live less than 1.3 km of the proposed site. We specifically moved to this area to be close to our families and the safety that we felt in this local community (northwest London).

Having personally witnessed and encountered people facing homelessness and the many issues that surround this social problem such as - underlying mental health conditions, addiction, violence, criminal activity, trespassing, property damage, littering, thefts, causing disturbances to name a few. This proposed Homeless Hub is not well suited or conducive to this area.

The proposed Homeless Hub location is also in a high speed (60 km/h zone) area that also hosts a high volume of traffic.

London is under great pressure to provide all residents with the housing and assistance they need, but this should not be done without careful consideration and selection of areas that would truly help and service the most vulnerable longterm. This proposed Homeless Hub location has limited social infrastructure, lacks community resources and the personal support that is required .

We object to this proposed location for a Homeless Hub at 705 Fanshawe Park Road West, London, Ontario.

Please feel free to contact us or share this letter.

Kind regards,

Elisabeth & Taylor Hunt
Sunningdale West Resident