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Subject: [EXTERNAL] opposition to the amendments requested in the planning application for 50 King Street and 399 Ridout Street North by York Developments.

To all concerned:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the amendments requested in the planning application for 50 King Street and 399 Ridout Street North by York Developments.

Downtown London is a heritage district and the Forks of the Thames is the prime heritage location with the courthouse, jail house, art gallery, museum, along with the river and parks. These are visited and used daily by many people including visitors to our city and should always be accessible and highly visible. These proposed changes would impact all of these in a highly negative way and should not be allowed to happen.

What York is asking is for the quadrupling of the density to two buildings of 53 and 43 stories from the approved one building of 20 stories located close to Ridout Street North and King Street. This will completely overshadow the Forks and other heritage sites in the area. How can this be acceptable when these should remain as highly accessible and visible as possible.

The area of King Street and Thames Street already have serious problems with flooding, storm water runoff, sewers overflowing, and traffic volume. These would become even worse with such a large increase in density.

We chose our current residence largely due to its proximity to the above-mentioned areas. It provides us with great views of the Thames River and allows us easy access to walk in the parks near the river and both see and visit the heritage locations around us. I feel that the erection of a grossly large set of buildings does not benefit us or any other residents of London, it only benefits the developer.

There is already an approved plan and density by the county in 2015 (Urban Design Brief - Sept 02/15) which is acceptable in terms of heights and density and includes one tower to be built, but does not impede the enjoyment by London residents to all of the above noted heritage places and parks. Let's stick with this accepted plan, it works.

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