

September 28, 2023

Mayor Morgan and Members of Council
City of London, Ontario

Re: Proposed Homeless Hub - Canadian Mental Health Association Thames Valley
Addiction and Mental Health - 705 Fanshawe Park Road West, London, Ontario
-Opposition to the rezoning of existing Lamplighter Inn for this purpose

Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing this letter to further express my concern and objection to the recent decision to move forward with the implementation of the "Homeless Hub" proposal located at 705 Fanshawe Park Road West in the city of London.

The required rezoning of the existing Lamplighter Inn property for the purpose of a Homeless Hub is inconsistent and not transparent in its aggressive placement in the existing communities that will be impacted by this project. This location is not ideal nor best suited for the people that are truly in need of this type of assistance and far from areas that are currently experiencing the influx and overflow of the homeless population.

To allow for a successful and positive experience for the homeless to integrate and transition into the community - the location of the Homeless Hubs will be key. Proximity to services and the existing needs for the homeless should to be a priority - not further displacing them.

Consideration for the impact of this project on existing stakeholders, residents and neighbourhoods in the area of the proposed Homeless Hub at 705 Fanshawe Park Road West has not been done. Rushing the implementation of such projects that will have longterm and lasting impacts in areas that are not equipped or suited for this type of project is not acceptable.

All Londoners want to help with a solution to the systemic mental health, addiction and homeless situation that is facing so many cities at the time - but doing so must be a collaborative partnership that is accountable to all.

Please feel free to contact me or share this letter.

Kind regards,

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