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Subject: [EXTERNAL] hub at Black Pearl London Ontario

I wanted to voice my concerns with regards to the possibility of a hub going into our neighborhood at the area mentioned above. I understand this location is being considered for beds and living accommodation for women in distress or need. With public schools in close proximity and single-family homes right in the backyard to this location, I am somewhat shocked this is even being considered. I am concerned what this will bring to our neighborhood (lots of elderly) and the safety of our community. As we are all aware, this can bring an array of unexpected circumstances and to be honest, I am quite shocked of this consideration. I understand from our homelessness issue in London that this may be a step to facilitate a change to our streets downtown, but my feeling is that we are just expanding the issue from the core to the remainder of the city. What does the city plan to do in monitoring this "Hub" in making sure that it does not become a spot for prostitution, drugs exchange, theft and destruction in our community?

What can we do as a community to have a "choice" in the matters that affect our lives, and would it be helpful if a petition is created from the residents of the area. I also wanted to add that I give permission in sharing my concerns at your meetings and I appreciate any direction from you as to what I can do in order for my voice to be heard.

Warmly,
Caroline Roxx