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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NO HUB AT 705 FANSHAWE PARK ROAD.

Dear Councilor,

I am opposed to the proposed hub location at 705 Fanshawe Park Road. While there are a number of reasons this particular hub does not meet the guidelines for hub locations set out in *London's Health And Homelessness Response: Proposed Hubs Implementation Plan, July 2023*, today I am writing you with concern over the forced closing of The Black Pearl Pub, a long-term, locally-owned business and the forced rehousing of the residents of the Light House Inn.

The Black Pearl Pub faces the road at the proposed location. Behind the pub is a motel. The following information has been verified to be factual after consultation with the business owners at this location.

The facts are as follows:

- The placement of a hub at this location will force the closure of The Black Pearl Pub and The Lighthouse Inn.
- The Black Pearl Pub rents the space and, therefore, will receive zero compensation for their forced closure. They will be forced to leave behind a business they dedicated their lives to building.
- The Black Pearl Pub will not be able to reopen in a different location as it would not be financially feasible for them to do so.
- 11 employees (including 6 families and their children) will be unemployed and without an income should the pub close. This includes children of these employees.
- At least half a dozen people will lose their home. These are long-term residents of the motel that cannot find affordable housing for their particular situations. This includes residents who have lived at this location from years to a decade.

Councilor, I trust that you can see that a hub at this location will cost others both financially, physically, and emotionally. These are people, too. People with a need for income, people with a need for affordable housing, parents who are working hard to put food on the table for their children. I ask that you protect the business owners, families and residents that are blameless casualties of this situation.

I ask that you please share this letter with council.

Thank you,

Kim Misic