

Hello Mr Fleming and Planners,

Reference File O-7938

It has been a while since the July public meeting regarding the Land Use Needs Study (O-7938) but after becoming more informed about the 14+ proposals to expand the Urban Growth Boundary in several areas around the outskirts of London I'd like to give some feedback and some information about how I experienced that meeting. I would also ask that what I'm about to say be attached to the file either in the form of this email or the document attached to this email as a pdf.

I have had a chance now to review the various lands in question where it has been proposed to expand the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), even in our area out here in SE London (the area along Bradley Ave between Old Victoria Road and Jackson Road). What I find is that many of these properties involve woodlands and wetlands, most of which at this point are unevaluated, and it seems that this violates the spirit of developing in lands and areas that have already been disturbed (more than by agricultural use) not green spaces first! In 2008, the residents of Meadowlily were caught in this dilemma because we felt like we were not properly informed when the UGB went out past our area of the city (2007?).

I have read your most recent addition of the "Did We Hear You?" Rethink document and what I see in a lot of these requests to expand the UGB is a push to spread development out to the outskirts again which is against a lot of what you are writing about Compact City, etc.

This will just put us into another situation where the need will be to stand up once again to potential violations of the Official Plan around woodlands and wetlands not to mention what is required by Section 2.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement on the same natural heritage features.

One other objection I'd like to make about the expansion of the UGB out to some of these areas, NE, NW, W, SW and SE London, is that the cost of services, infrastructure and maintenance of these changes just increases the city's budget and development charges do not cover this expense.

Please attach these comments and the attached letter to File O-7938 the next time it goes before Planning and Environment Committee.

Respectfully,

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