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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re-Zoning of 6756 James St. London

London City Council

Please add my list of concerns to the meeting agenda for the Mar. 22nd council meeting concerning the re-zoning of 6756 James St.

I live at 6770 James St. right beside the property in discussion and have many concerns about the approval of re-zoning of this property. I will just mention a few as there is not enough time or space to list them all.

My biggest concern is for the safety of the school children. If there are 22 townhomes built that is a possibility of 44 more vehicles added to an already congested street. That is a recipe for disaster for the 200 plus kids that walk James St. to and from school twice a day with almost daily close calls. This is all about someone's profit and is it worth one child's life.

At the last meeting it seemed like everyone thought that the answer to all of our concerns was a cross walk at Campbell and James St. It was suggested that teachers park at the baseball parking lot and walk. This is not a viable solution because of distance to the school. It was also suggested that parents could drop their kids off there. Not a chance that the parents would walk their kids all that distance and then have to walk all of that way back to their vehicles. If the entrance to the townhouses is off James St. the potential of a child getting hit by a car is magnified by a hundred fold. Residents on the street already have a difficult time exiting or entering their driveways because of cars parked on the street before and after school hours.

Moving the entrance from James to Campbell St. (north) would help alleviate some of the traffic problems.

Consider only 2 townhomes instead of the 3 proposed at present fronting onto James St.

Consider changing the plan to one floor retirement homes which are so needed in this area and as Lambeth does have an aging population that also want to continue living in the community.

Consider having some of the property donated to the school or the school board purchasing a portion of the land for student drop off and playground expansion.

Lambeth is low density housing and changing it to high density is so wrong just because you can.

This will change the entire feel and look of the community.

Light and noise pollution will be a problem.

We were concerned about flooding issues, drainage and sewer problems and we were told studies had been completed and all was good, but we would like to see any and all reports on these studies.

I feel like in the last two meetings our concerns were listened to, but were not heard at all. One counsellor stated that there were 500 students at the school when in fact there are 800 plus. Another gal had to google to see where the entrances were. This tells me no one has done their homework or even visited the area to make an informed decision on this re-zoning. This screams of just pushing everything through.

Please put yourselves in our shoes or neighborhood and I am sure it would not be approved as presently proposed.

Please consider our neighborhood and it's residents before rubber stamping this project.

Sincerely
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