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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Objection to 735 Wonderland Rd. Application

Objection to 25 storey apartment building at 735 Wonderland Rd.N.

I live at [REDACTED] Beaverbrook Ave. – in one of 91 single level town house condominiums, almost directly across from the proposed 25 storey hi-rise apartment building.

I've expressed my objection to allow this structure to be build on this property at a previous planning hearing with specific concerns about the height of the structure, and the increased traffic congestion to an already busy Beaverbrook/Wonderland thoroughfare.

I understand the act of governing, lobbying, fiscal responsibility, and planning. But I'm not sure that the planning committee and city council has applied a holistic approach when assessing this application, taking into account changed traffic patterns from other development applications for residences in surrounding areas, not just this one application.

I know that the city of London didn't fare well in meeting the Ontario governments housing allocation numbers in 2023, and with a lot of financial incentives on the line, I'm concerned that the city may be acting out of desperation, to get the numbers up, and not looking at the big picture.

This piece-meal approach to planning is guaranteed to create issues that will fester for many years before the city will be forced to undo poor planning.

This building does not belong on this property. It's too tall for the area – it will be a stark obelisk that most likely will never be surrounded by similar structures given the existing structures in the immediate area.

I understand the need for increased housing and wouldn't object to a structure similar to others in the area. This building belongs on a larger property, adjacent to other buildings of similar height. Not stick a sky scraper in the middle of single floor residences and low level commercial buildings, in an area that will probably never be changed.

In summary, I ask council to rethink approving this application, allowing a sky scraper to overwhelm the neighbourhood, increased traffic from all adjacent planned developments, lack of implementing a Transit Village plan for many years, and foregoing a prudent, holistic approach to planning tells me that this decision is one of desperation.

We, the taxpayers deserve better and we expect better from city council.

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