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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: 193-199 College Ave

To the City of London.

A president is about to be set that will destroy many neighbourhoods in this city.

London council are in a panic to build more homes but have done a poor job in adding density in a gentler, kinder way that has fewer consequences to the existing character of specific areas of the city.

The development proposed for College Ave is a perfect example of this. This monolithic block of concrete and steel will destroy this walkable and historic neighbourhood.

Mid-rises and high-rises aren't the first thing the council should look to if they want to densify. There are a lot of options that can add to, not take away, from its organic vibrancy and sense of community. High densification is isolating rather than connecting. Piling people into tall buildings separates them from the street and from each other, creating silos of isolated people looking at other people from a distance.

Zoning allows for 16 units now. Density guidelines allow for 24 units with amended setbacks. This would be acceptable, keeping the existing height restrictions in place to maintain privacy for the surrounding residents. Redesign the structure so people are neighbours, not strangers behind closed doors.

Six brownstone style townhomes with 4 units each would be a beautiful addition to this neighbourhood.

This city is land rich and has many other places to build concrete towers.

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