Tuesday, June 4th, 2024.

London City Council 300 Dufferin Avenue London, On, N6A 4L9

Attention: London City Councillors 14 Wards

Mayor Josh Morgan

Planning & Environment Committee

Good Afternoon, Honourable Mayor, Councillors, and PEC:

## RE: WESTFIELD DRIVE EXTENSION

I have been a resident at Cherryhill village for the past seven years and would like to express my deep concern about a proposed extension of Cherryhill's Westfield Drive to connect with the new community being built at Beaverbrook.

My main concern is the **increase in traffic**. As I understand, there will be 3,800 new units being built in Beaverbrook, greatly increasing the number of cars passing through our village. And, as I understand, there will be three entrances to Beaverbrook village: Beaverbrook, Westfield, and Oxford. I fear that our Westfield Drive entrance will be heavily used as **shortcut** by Beaverbrook residents to avoid busy Oxford Street traffic.

Of course, Londoners, non-residents, will learn about this shortcut as well, especially when they can avoid Oxford Street intersections and traffic lights altogether, when driving from Platt's Lane to Wonderland.

With an increase in traffic comes an increase in noise pollution, an increase in speed, and an increase in danger to pedestrians. Cherryhill village houses many seniors who have mobility issues; they have difficulty crossing the streets. Lately, there has been an increase in families with very young children, attending Eagle Heights Public School. How safe will our streets be for our residents?

Our Cherryhill community has been quiet and peaceful and I enjoy living here. I dread the changes that a Westfield Drive extension will bring to Cherryhill village.

Sincerely

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