

From: The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, London Region Branch

To: PEC, London City Council, City Hall

Dear Members of the committee:

Re: 1458 Huron St

The above property is being considered by Council for Designation.

The Architectural Conservancy Ontario London Region Branch very much supports this designation for the following reasons:

The property comprises an historic farmhouse built in the plain Georgian style. The house was built in c1852 by John Flower. He bought the land c1850 from George Webster who was the son of Robert Webster who was one of the very first European settlers in this region. His house at 1745 Kilally was noted as a destination for early pioneers from at least 1830 onwards.

The Websters and others were instrumental in setting up what subsequently became the village of 'The Grove' which had its own church, school and post office at one time.

The Huron St farmhouse was occupied continually by the Flowers until 2012.

Built in buff brick, in a vernacular Georgian style, the house demonstrates the simplicity, symmetry and proportions of this style. There are few examples left in the London area. The house is historically, architecturally and contextually significant.

As the property is intended to remain at the heart of a new 2-storey cluster townhouses, it appears that this is a very good example of how heritage and new building can co-exist and, in fact, displays how the heritage element will considerably enhance this development.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Maggie Whalley

Board Member
On behalf of ACO London Region Branch