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Our File #: 12-841

Attention: Chair and Committee Members

Reference: City File: 39T-16509/Z-8720 Applicant: Sifton Properties Limited 3614, 3630 Colonel Talbot Road and 6621 Pack Road Applications for Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-Law Amendment

**Monteith Brown Planning Consultants** ("MBPC") are the land use planners for Sifton Properties Limited, the owners of the above noted lands ("Subject Property"). We are writing in response to a letter addressed to the Committee by Raivo Uukkivi of Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP ("Cassels") dated July 5, 2024, on behalf his client, Christine Flaherty, owner of 10 acres of land located at 6499 Park Road which abut our client's lands noted above. We believe this to be a typographical error as a review of Property Information confirms that Christine Flaherty is the registered owner of 6499 Pack Road ("6499") which does abut the Subject Property to the north.

In their letter, Cassels suggests that the above referenced applications ("Applications") erroneously identify their clients lands as being located north and west of our clients' lands. As illustrated on the attached Appendix 1, 6499 is located north and east of the portion of Subject Property to which the Applications apply. Cassels also suggests that 6499 is depicted by my client as being within the limits of the above referenced draft plan of subdivision. This is also incorrect, as illustrated on the attached Appendix 1 which includes the certified version of the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision. While 6499 is illustrated on the plan, it is provided as contextual information as an abutting parcel of land, similar to that of all other abutting parcels that have been illustrated for context consistent with the requirements of the *Planning Act*.

It is correct that the EIS in support of the Applications written by NRSI identified numerous natural heritage features and functions on 6499. NRSI confirms, as is standard practice, that all site observations were made from the property line without direct access to 6499. Only once did an NRSI biologist access 6499, which was done with the owner's permission, which was received on September 21, 2023. An NRSI biologist accessed the property on September 23, 2023 to undertake

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a health assessment on the one Butternut tree present within 6499, and was accompanied by the property owner. Results of the Butternut Health Assessment were subsequently provided to the property owner on September 29, 2023 via the email address that she had provided.

Environmental Impact Studies are required to assess anticipated impacts of development on adjacent lands (Provincial Policy Statement Policy ("PPS") 2.1.8), which are generally defined as 120m from the area of proposed development (guidance provided in the Natural Heritage Reference Manual, OMNR 2010, Section 4.4, see especially Table 4-2). The 6499 lies within the adjacent lands of the Subject Property and therefore had to be considered in the EIS. The natural heritage features and functions on 6499 are required to be protected from impacts due to the proposed development of the Subject Property consistent with the PPS.

We trust that this information is satisfactory to clarify and resolve the concerns expressed by Christine Flaherty through her solicitor. Should you have any questions or concerns in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

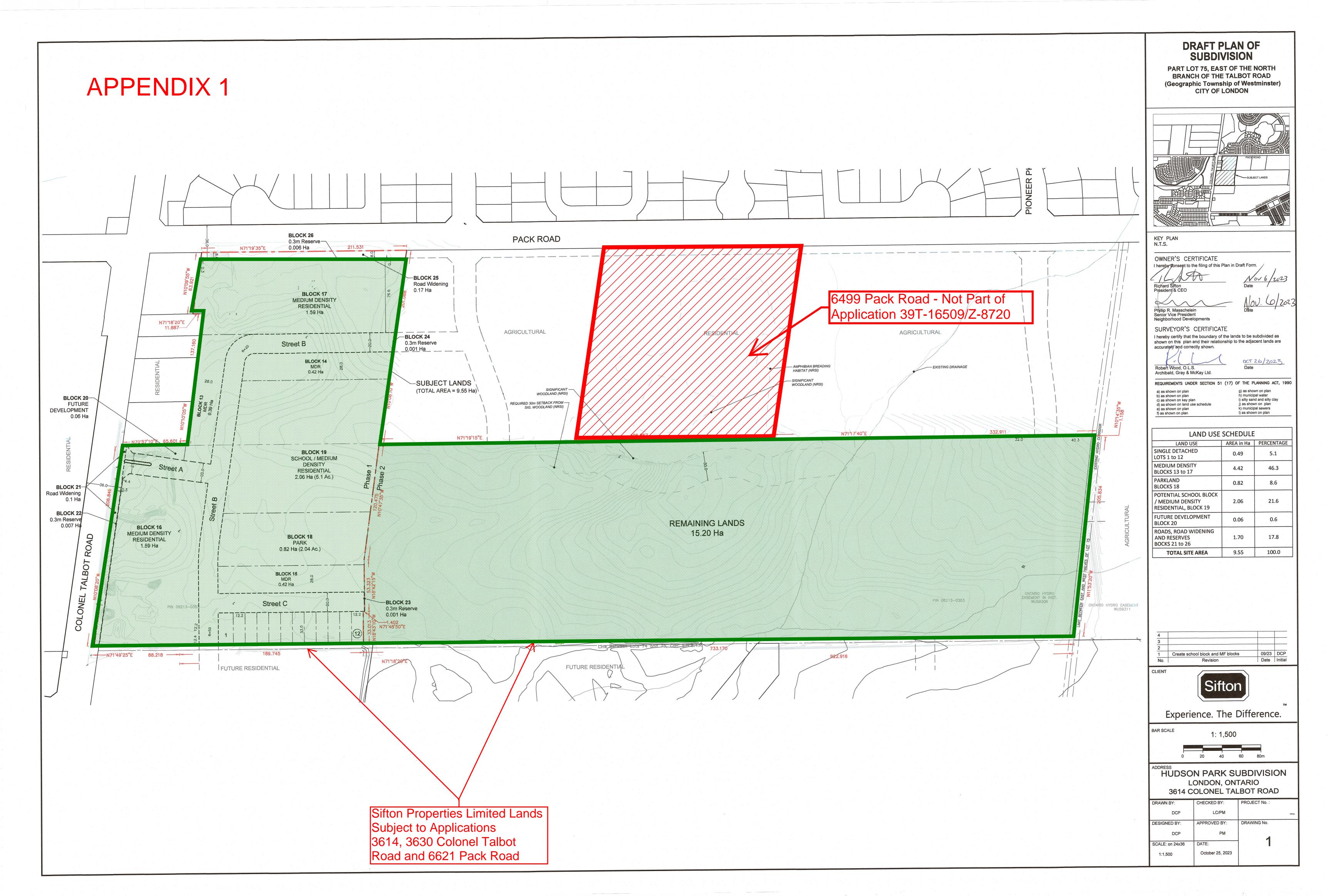
Respectfully submitted,

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To the Chair and Committee Members:

## Re: File: 39T-16509/Z-8720 Sifton Properties Limited 3614, 3630 Colonel Talbot Road and 6621 Pack Road, London

We are the lawyers for Christine Flaherty, the owner of 6499 Park Road in the City of London (the "Flaherty Lands"). We are writing on behalf of our client to object to the rezoning a draft plan of subdivision application filed on behalf of Sifton Properties Limited for 3614 & 3630 Colonel Talbot Road and 6621 Pack Road London (the "Subject Property").

The Flaherty Lands are a 10 acre parcel directly adjacent to the north and west of the Subject Property. While in proximity to the Subject Property, the Flaherty Lands are under separate ownership from the Subject Property. Despite the separate interests in the Flaherty Lands and the Subject Property, the Applicant has depicted the Flaherty Lands within its draft Plan of Subdivision.

From review of the accompanying Environmental Impact Study by Natural Resource Solutions Inc dated February 2024 (the "EIS"), it is our client's understanding that the applicant has indicated the presence of Colonially-Nesting Bird Breeding Habitat, Amphibian Breeding Habitat and Significant Woodland on the Flaherty Lands. No permission was provided to conduct the EIS on the Flaherty Lands and any findings made within the EIS have been obtained by way of trespass. As such, certain details, such as the fact that Pond C/Wetland D (as they are so called in the EIS) are manmade structures.

As per Map 5 to the London Plan, approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on December 28, 2016, there is no Significant Woodland or other Natural Heritage Features on the Flaherty Lands (see Appendix A). Map 5 is correct and the determination of the existence of Natural Heritage Features is in error. As such, this indication in both the Draft Plan of Subdivision submitted by the Applicant and the EIS is incorrect and should be removed.

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It is the request of our client to have this corrected in any final plan of subdivision approved by the City. We request further notice of these applications as they are considered for approval. Notices can be provided to the undersigned. These findings have a significant and improper impact on our client's lands.

Yours truly,

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## APPENDIX "A"

Map 5 to London Plan (Approximate location of Flaherty Lands indicated by red star)

