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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition letter to the "Permit stacked townhouses up to four storeys in height along all streets classified as Neighbourhood Connectors"

Dear Council,

I am one of many residents who thinks this proposal was rushed through. I believe a public consultation meeting is in order since this involves a major policy shift. I would appreciate this topic being added to the September 24 meeting agenda.

I would like to have my letter added to the agenda regarding Item 3 Scheduled Item 3.6 c on page 412 of the agenda from September 10th 2024: Permit stacked townhouses up to four storeys in height along all streets classified as Neighbourhood Connectors.

There is not a housing crisis in London; there is an **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** crisis. What they are proposing is not going to solve that problem, but rather add to it by tearing down houses in which many lower income folks happily rent an apartment. If someone buys a condo and chooses to rent it out, given the mortgage payments and condo fees, it will not be affordable to all the people who lost a place to live when the houses were torn down. As well, the condos are being built right to the sidewalk to maximize space while removing valuable green space. How is that helping climate change? And in the continuing saga, it will totally destroy the look and feel of our beautiful historic neighbourhoods. I can't help but wonder who is really gaining from this aside from the developers, and maybe the politicians whose campaigns the developers are contributing to.

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