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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Four-Storey Stacked Townhouses Proposal Concerns

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.

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed bylaw allowing four-storey townhomes on all neighbourhood connectors. While I recognize the need for urban densification, the lack of public consultation in this decision is alarming.

I support the city's efforts to address the housing crisis and enhance sustainability through bike lanes and transit investments. However, this zoning change feels rushed and lacks adequate community input. Many residents, including myself, were not informed of these changes, despite living on connector streets. This oversight is concerning, especially given the significant implications for our neighborhoods.

As a resident of Old North, I advocate for two to three-storey developments that align with the character of our area. Four-storey buildings would overshadow heritage homes, block sunlight, and disrupt the neighborhood's feel. While I hope increased supply will alleviate housing issues, I fear these developments may cater primarily to the luxury market, and wouldn't address the need for affordable housing.

I urge you to reconsider the approach to densification by prioritizing the use of vacant lots or parking areas for new developments, ensuring new buildings harmonize with existing structures to maintain neighborhood aesthetics, limiting high-density developments to select areas where they would have less impact on heritage properties.

These alternatives would promote growth while preserving the unique qualities of our neighborhoods. Once our heritage homes are gone, they cannot be replaced.

I request that you slow this process to allow for meaningful dialogue with Londoners about this significant change.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Scott