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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Stacked Townhouses on Connector streets

Dear City of London,

I give consent for this letter to be included in the public agenda.

I wish to voice my support for the Planning and Environment Committee's recommendation to permit higher density housing (specifically, stacked townhomes) on connector streets in London.

As a longtime resident of Old North's Waterloo Street, where I own a single-family home, I welcome more intensification in my neighborhood. Here are my reasons.

1. As my kids leave home, we look for smaller and more dense housing options to transition to nearby, and we can't find many in Old North. I would like options to stay in my neighborhood as we downsize.
2. We have declared a climate emergency in London and should be supporting higher density builds throughout the city because they are more sustainable.
3. There is a shortage of housing in London, and higher density housing provides more units as opposed to fully-detached homes.
4. I do not agree with the argument that these stacked townhomes will become rundown student housing and therefore shouldn't be built. Instead, London should hold ALL landlords accountable for the property standards that are already in place if we wish to maintain the character of our neighborhood.
5. I wish to denounce the classist and racist rhetoric that is circulating online about higher density housing bringing down the character of our neighborhood because it is "low-income". London needs all kinds of people to be a vibrant city and everyone needs a place to live. I welcome more diversity (however you wish to categorize it) to my neighbourhood, and the rich experiences and sense of community it will bring.
6. Western University is a major employer for the City of London; however, many of its employees cannot afford to live within walking or bus distance to it. If we want to support Western's initiative to make the campus a walking campus with fewer cars, we need to provide diverse housing options in its surrounding neighbourhoods.

I sincerely hope that my city council will support the recommendations of the PEC and vote in favour of adopting higher-density builds like stacked townhomes on connector streets in London.

Sincerely,  
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