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Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2024 4:31 PM
To: Council Agenda <councilagenda@london.ca>
Cc: Trosow, Sam <strosow@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Colborne Street Resident's Letter - Proposed 4-Storey Stacked-Townhouses

To the members of the City Council for the City of London, Ontario,

My name is Steven Levson and my family and I have been living in the same house at Colborne Street since 2007. We moved to London from Toronto to buy our house in Old North because of the heritage homes, beautiful, large trees, abundant green spaces and other features. We have enjoyed living in this neighbourhood of London for almost two decades.

We were surprised when we heard from the Councillor for Ward 6, Sam Trosow, that there is a recommendation to allow 4-storey stacked-townhouses on Neighbourhood Connector Streets like Colborne. We were also unaware that this proposal has not been subject to a separate public notice or consultation. We would like to appeal for the opportunity for both a separate public notice and consultation.

We would like to understand the implications of 4-storey stacked-townhouses on our neighbourhood. These proposed changes could have health, economic, financial, environmental and other impacts on the people and animals in the neighbourhood, city and region.

Why not consider 2 storey townhouses? Why not maintain and preserve the attraction and benefits of Old North? Why not allow a dialogue between City Councillors, city staff and residents directly impacted by these proposed changes?

These are just some of the questions that come to mind. I for one, would be willing to discuss housing options in Old North and our city. I am acutely aware of the housing shortage and housing costs faced by our residents, including the students at Fanshawe College where I work. I just want to make sure all options are being discussed and considered before a significant decision is made that will have long-term implications.

Please do not make a quick decision that would alter the character, environmental nature and value of streets in London without proper public notice and consultation. Let's discuss and work together on what could be done to meet the goals and needs of all residents within the City of London.

Please note that I give consent for this letter to be in the public agenda on September 24th, 2024.

Sincerely, a concerned resident,

Steven Levson