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To: PEC <pec@london.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Serious Objection to Newly-Proposed Westfield Drive Extension

(You have my consent to put this letter onto the PEC agenda for June 11th.)

Attention: Honourable Mayor and Councilors of the City of London

We would like to express our serious concern about the Draft Plan of Subdivision, Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment, File 39T-21505/Z-9416, as applied for by Sam Katz Holdings Inc.

Our issue concerns the newly-proposed road extension, running from the present dead-end Westfield Drive at Cherryhill Village, all the way across the farmer's field and as far as Angelo's on Wonderland and Beaverbrook.

We have enjoyed a quiet, peaceful living at Cherryhill Village for the past ten years. There is little traffic on our Cherryhill roads, which are used mainly by our residents, who are mostly senior citizens, as well as a recent increase in young families and students. The traffic runs slowly, giving residents lots of time to cross the roads, whether they be seniors, children, dog walkers, or geese and squirrels. When children play soccer or other ball games on the sidewalks and their ball rolls onto the road, there is never a danger due to the slow traffic.

Why are we concerned about extending Westfield Drive? We know that an extension of Westfield Drive will allow hundreds and hundreds of cars coming from the new Beaverbrook Community, a 3,800-unit project of high rise apartments and townhomes at 323 Oxford Street and 92 & 825 Proudfoot Lane, right through our Cherryhill Village, making a shortcut simply to avoid the busy Oxford Street intersections.

About a year ago our village had a taste of a substantial increase in traffic noise and speeding cars at all times of the day, especially at night and on weekends, when road construction was being done on Platt's Lane and traffic was de-toured and forced to enter the village. We want to prevent this from happening.

We are seriously concerned about:

- a very real, substantial increase in traffic
- a major increase in noise, especially at night and on weekends
- an increase in speeding, especially at night and on weekends
- an increase in traffic accidents, especially children, seniors, dogwalkers, and small wildlife.

We chose to live in this village because of its peaceful demeanor. Extending Westmount Drive will do nothing to enhance the village's peaceful existence; moreover, the safety of our

children and grandchildren, especially those visiting Eagle Heights Public School, will be negatively impacted.

We are strongly against the newly-proposed extension of Westfield Drive at Cherryhill Village.

Sincerely,

Carla Kuijpers and Ben Hannink