

London, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Municipal Council for the City of London  
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Attention: All Ward Councillors City of London  
Mayor J. Morgan  
Planning & Environment Committee

Honourable Members of the Council and Committee:

RE: Westfield Drive Extension - Serious Increase in Traffic

(You have my permission to add this letter to the PEC agenda for June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.)

Good Afternoon, Ladies & Gentlemen! My name is Michael Kuijpers and I have been a resident at Cherryhill Village for more than 10 years. I have a degenerative condition which affects my fine and gross motor coordination. I wear leg braces, use a cane and manual wheelchair, as well as a scooter. It is needless to say that I need extra time to navigate crossing streets and intersections.

I decided on living at Cherryhill Village due to the limited amount of traffic and the slow pace of most of the traffic, along with other favourable amenities. I feel safe crossing streets, even in wet or snowy weather, when sidewalks have not yet been cleared completely or have been re-filled with snow by street snow plows: I know most Cherryhill traffic is slow and will wait for me to cross even when my scooter needs extra time to navigate deeper snow.

I have a serious concern: I understand that a new community will be constructed at Beaverbrook which will be connected to our village by way of an extension of our Westfield Drive, greatly increasing our traffic. What will it be like to try crossing our streets? With 3,800 new units being built in Beaverbrook, and Westfield Drive being one of three entrances, how many more cars will be coming through our village? How many London drivers will use our village as a shortcut to avoid Oxford traffic?

Cherryhill has three zebra crossing paths: two in front of building #190, and one, with traffic lights, in front of building #110. All other intersections have stop signs. An increase in traffic will cause an increase in speeding, noise pollution, and traffic accidents. Cherryhill Village houses many young families, seniors, and people with mobility issues who need extra time crossing streets. Can we lower speeding limits, increase traffic lights? This might discourage Londoners from using our village as a shortcut.

I seriously oppose this extension: I fear that an increase in traffic will have a detrimental effect on our safety. How are you planning to deal with this increase in traffic, regarding noise, speeding, and lack of safety?

Thank you,

Michael Kuijpers

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