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City of London
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Re: Sherwood Forest School Site

Dear Sandra, Brian, Michael, and Britt

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us last Friday. We are very encouraged by the city's initial interest in the site. I apologize for not thanking you sooner as I wanted to get our groups (Ratepayers Executive and Sherwood Forest School Site Committee) together to reaffirm the points that we discussed at the meeting.

We can confirm that there are no other groups in the area who are currently users of the Sherwood Forest School site. From our perspective, by consulting with the Ratepayers Executive and the School Site groups, you have met that part of the Council direction.

In response to your questions about what we would like to see on the site, we have the following to assist you in your work:

- We would like to see a hectare of land retained for park use, including amenities for active play targeted to younger children. We envision a park that children can walk to unsupervised as they had when the school was open.
- Retain the natural landscaping and as many mature non-ash trees as possible.
- Add places for people to sit, and plant new trees for the future shade they will provide.
- Maintain the topography of the site and maintain as much of the street frontages as is reasonable so that there are "eyes on the park".
- Maintain the connection between Finsbury and Wychwood (important to keep for connection through the neighbourhood). This could be accomplished as a walkway or private road as part of a condominium form of development.
- Create housing that is consistent in form with the community, with high quality design that complements the neighbourhood. Preferably this would be consistent with the current built form (unique, single family homes that would appeal to young families). If this is not possible, our preference would be for single level, two bedroom units with individual entrances that would allow older adults living in the neighbourhood to downsize while remaining in the community. We have heard this desire consistently during our discussions with the community.
- Whether or not a mix of the two would be possible on half the site, we leave to your team. We would hope any structures would be predominately brick with high quality landscaping and a deep backyard if abutting existing homes.

We would ask that after a positive decision from Council, there would be a pre-meeting in the neighbourhood with the city and builder(s) about the process and the concept prior to the formal application for rezoning. We would also ask that the Planning staff recommendation to the Planning and Environment Committee include a requirement for a public site plan meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. If there is an opportunity for us to review any concept plans before they are presented to Committee, we would be happy to meet with you again.

Sincerely,

By e-mail

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