

March 27, 2025

To Mayor Josh Morgan and Members of London City Council,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed six-storey apartment development at **415–421 Boler Road** in Byron.

The decision to reduce the required setback from 8 metres to 3 metres—and the developer’s claim that even 3 metres renders the project unviable (proposing just **1.5 metres**)—is both troubling and telling. We need only look back to this past winter to recognize the impracticality: snow removal, garbage and recycling bin storage, and service access would be severely compromised. This isn't just inconvenient—it’s unsafe and unsustainable.

Equally concerning is the proximity of the proposed entrances and exits to the **Boler Road and Byron Baseline intersection**, a busy and often congested area. Add to this a **school crosswalk used by children attending Byron Southwood Public School**, and we are inviting risk—particularly for our youngest residents.

Increased traffic volume, coupled with narrowed roads, given future plans for bike lanes, will push frustrated drivers onto adjacent side streets. As a resident of one such street—with no sidewalks—I see firsthand how many children play, walk to school, and share the roadway with vehicles. This is a public safety issue waiting to happen.

I fully support the City’s commitment to intensification, smart growth, and increased housing. But intensification must not come at the expense of **livability, safety, or community integrity**. A six-storey structure in this location would **dwarf neighbouring homes, invade resident privacy, and strain local infrastructure**. If the project is not financially viable with a 3 to 8 metre setback, then it is **not viable for this site**.

I respectfully urge Council to reject the proposal in its current form. Please ask the developer to return with a revised plan—**scaled appropriately to the character of the neighbourhood**, with setbacks and density that reflect both the physical and social realities of the area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Lynn M. Davis
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I live, work and play on the Traditional Territories of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, and Lūnaapéewak peoples. I acknowledge the historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) have endured on Turtle Island. I continue to learn and unlearn, and stand in solidarity.