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Our petition results were shared with the Mayor and Councillors of London in advance of their vote on Tuesday April 1. Below is a copy of the email sent this morning.

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

In just one week and with limited publicity, over 500 residents of London signed this petition opposing the oversized development at 415-421 Boler Road

- <https://chnq.it/BY9JN9pYBx>

The residents of Byron support development—but not at this scale. The proposed building is far too large for this site and does not fit the character of our community. That is exactly why the current zoning does not allow it. Zoning should mean something. Residents invest in their neighbourhoods with the expectation that zoning provides stability, not just a temporary classification until a developer with deep pockets pushes for a change.

We are not beholden to developers. They will build something smaller if forced to do so—despite their claims that anything less is "not viable". Cities across Ontario are seeing similar tactics. If this is approved, it sets a dangerous precedent that zoning is meaningless and that residents' voices do not matter.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on this proposal in its current state. Stand up for Byron. Stand up for responsible development. Stand up to the Province of Ontario when its decisions threaten the integrity of our communities.

Will you uphold the principles of good planning and protect the neighbourhoods you were elected to serve?

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