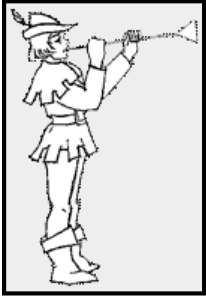


# ***Orchard Park/Sherwood Forest Ratepayers***

*Incorporated as the Lower Medway Valley Ratepayers Group Inc.*



December 5, 2013

Mayor Fontana and  
Members of Corporate Services Committee  
City of London  
300 Dufferin  
London, ON

Re: Staff report: Sherwood Forest Public School – Stakeholder Consultation Process

We would like to thank you and city staff for exploring with our community the concept of the redevelopment of the Sherwood Forest Public School Site. Staff have been very forthcoming with their time over a very short time period.

**We ask Committee and Council to make an offer to purchase this site so that we may begin the work with city staff to bring this evolution of our neighbourhood to realization.**

- We believe there is strong potential for community support for an infill redevelopment that retains approximately 1 hectare of public park space and up to 25 housing units.
- Both our Executive and the Sherwood Forest School Site Committee have been part of the consultation process with City staff. We believe that redevelopment can be achieved that meets the objectives and best interests of both the City and residents: retention of parkland, housing with Urban Design features that fit with the neighbourhood, consistency with the Great Near Campus Neighbourhood policies of Council, and advancement of the City's Strengthening Neighbourhoods Strategy.
- The successful conclusion of a quality redevelopment supported by Council through a collaborative process with the community, retaining part of the site for parkland, could result in a quicker redevelopment, without contention, that would be a positive for all.
- Importantly, this could serve as a model for other infill sites in the City.

Sincerely,

Sandy Levin, President  
Orchard Park/Sherwood Forest Ratepayers  
And on behalf of the Sherwood Forest School Site Committee