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Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 11:39 AM
To: Watson, Amanda-Brea
Cc: Brown, Matt; Brown, Denise
Subject: 122 Wortley Road

Hi Amanda,

Since Connie and I are unable to attend the meeting tomorrow (for which we never received any notice), the following are our comments.

1. We are absolutely opposed to this particular type of structure being built at 122 Wortley, as were all of the area residents who attended the meeting on Thursday. It does not fit in with the surrounding dwellings, nor complement them. We are in favour of infill versus urban sprawl, but this particular structure is the wrong kind of infill for this area and should not be approved.
2. You mentioned that the design had been reviewed by a panel of architects and others and that they praised the design. You also stated that you planned to recommend approval of the design, based on the city's and province's planning rules and guidelines. We do not have a problem with the design, just with the fact that it is planned in this location. Neither you, nor the members of your panel have to live with this every day. We believe that from the top floor of that building, residents will be able to see into the private back yards of the homes on either side, including ours. We chose to live on this street because it is basically a residential neighbourhood, and because of the lack of apartment buildings like the one planned. Although some of the neighbouring properties are multi-unit dwellings or have businesses in them, as was pointed out at the meeting, that fact does not detract from the heritage value of the area. This design does.
3. The planner representative stated that the building included many "heritage features" in the design. These features do not make it a heritage building. We believe that the spirit of the upcoming Heritage designation should be followed and something more complementary to its surroundings should be built there, if anything.
4. After reading the articles in today's *London Free Press* about the developments on Richmond street near the University and on Springbank near Byron, it is very easy to get the impression that the developer always wins. Negotiations on these two developments went on for a long time, but in the end, the developer got approval for what was planned. Negotiations with the developer for 162 Wortley resulted in many positive changes being made to that development. Hopefully, the developer for 122 Wortley is willing to discuss and negotiate with community members and arrive at something that is suitable for this location.

Hopefully, our comments will become part of the presentation to the Planning and Environment Committee.

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