



## Old East Village Community Association

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July 26, 2011

Mr. John Fleming,  
Director of Planning, City of London  
204-206 Dundas Street,  
London, ON

Dear Mr. Fleming,

It was brought to our attention today that the completion of the McCormick Area Plan has been deferred by the planning department for at least the next 12-18 months. We wish to register with you the concern that the Association has with this action.

We understand that planning department is tasked with a tremendous amount of work for the resources it has available. We are sympathetic to the pressures under which you operate.

However, over the past two-and-a-half years, residents of this community have worked closely with planning staff to move this process along. We have worked with your staff in holding a number of community meetings during the Phase I and II components of the Area Plan completed to date in order to get broad community buy-in to the process. We did so in the expectation that we could develop a vision of potential futures for these lands that met the needs of the local community and furthered the goals of the City of London.

It seems to me that we have been successful in the work to date. There is a sense in this community that the lands can be made more productive and contributory to the revitalization of this neighbourhood. It only remains to translate this optimism into practice through the completion of the Area Plan.

The public participation pieces of the process have been largely completed. To set this aside at the current time, especially given the complementary work being done in the neighbourhood on local economic development, is unsettling to us. The lands may well be in transition, individual properties are being sold, the future of the McCormick building is uncertain, and all of these activities are going on outside the context of an area planning process that should be informing current development decisions and opportunities.

We would respectfully request you to reconsider the decision to defer the completion of this Area Plan and allow us, as an engaged community with a vital interest in the future of these lands, to work with your staff to bring the Area Plan to completion.

Best regards,

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