



# Nature London

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Chair and Members  
Planning and Environment Committee  
City of London  
300 Dufferin Ave  
London, ON

Dear Chair and Members:

**Re: 9345 Elviage Drive**

Nature London supports the position of City staff that this application be refused. We note there are many reasons, but we wish to point out just two:

- According to the Environmental Impact Study (p.16) conducted by the applicant, not only is this subject site within an Environmentally Significant Area, but the subject site itself also meets four of the city's seven criteria for designation as an ESA. This should preclude development under the City's Official Plan.
- Based on the EIS, the applicant has not demonstrated the proposed development will have no negative effect on the natural features and functions, as required by the City's Official Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement.

Although the illegal land clearing was not conducted by the applicant, approval of this application would set a dangerous precedent that would permit land owners to illegally clear environmentally significant lands and then apply to develop the cleared lands.

Sincerely,

Anita Caveney  
Conservation Committee member and a Past President

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