

Dear Mayor, Councillors and City of London Staff,

I'm writing in regards to the re-zoning application from Brent Rudell and Martha Leach, the developers who destroyed the woodland at Wonderland Road and Teeple Terrace while the application evaluation was still underway and city offices closed for Christmas.

Apparently, these developers had received a Dec. 11th memo from the city that read, "Based on the information provided to date, this patch should be considered an Ecologically Significant Woodland...As a significant natural heritage feature, we cannot support the rezoning of these lands from OS1."

Rudell and Leach knew from this that the only way they could proceed with their development was to tear out the woods. Should they now be rewarded with that rezoning because they destroyed it? What's to stop other developers from doing exactly the same thing while their applications are under review? This is very concerning because other developers will think the rules don't apply and that they can destroy whatever they want to get their way, even if it includes heritage properties, ecological woodlands or the cornerstones of our communities.

We need to take a stand and send a message that this behaviour is not acceptable and will not be condoned. I implore you not to approve the re-zoning.

I cannot attend the public participation meeting tonight at 7pm, but I would like this e-mail to be noted. Thanks for your time and consideration,

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