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**City Clerk's Office**  
**Planning and Environment Committee**  
City of London  
300 Dufferin Avenue  
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**Letter via email only**

**Attention: Heather Lysynski – Committee Secretary**

**Re: Request for Delegation Status at Planning and Environment Committee for  
1266 Riverside Drive – Scheduled Item 10(b), 4<sup>th</sup> Report of the London  
Advisory Committee on Heritage**

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Dear Ms. Lysynski:

As the owners of the property known as 1266 Riverside Drive in London, we respectfully request delegation status at the Planning and Environment Committee meeting to be held tonight, March 25, 2014 regarding agenda item #10(b) "that the building located at 1266 Riverside Drive be added to the Inventory of Heritage Resources as a Priority 1 listing, based on its design values and historic contextual associations".

Although we have no argument in principal with adding the property to the inventory at this time, and no immediate intention to submit a demolition permit for the house, its current condition and location on the site may interfere with future plans for the property. Drewlo Holdings is in the process of preparing a site plan application, with the intention of incorporating all or part of the existing structure into a new apartment development. However, recent investigations into the condition of the structure may not make this a viable option.

These lands were purchased from the Lamb family by Drewlo in 1978, and the property was rented to the same tenant for some 35 years in the hopes of maintaining a viable building and preserving the value of the asset. In 2013, complaints from that tenant lead

to the shocking findings that the occupants had been living in squalor for what appears to have been a long time, and the building had been allowed to deteriorate significantly. The home was shuttered, as had become unsafe and uninhabitable from years of neglect and abuse. It currently remains closed up, with regular security monitoring in an attempt to prevent further damage from theft and vandalism, but its secluded location has lead to significant further deterioration.

In summary, as the property owner, we feel that we should be involved with this process from the outset, and request the right to respond to any points raised at this and all future discussions relating to this address.

Sincerely,

**DREWLO HOLDINGS INC.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Bikas", written over a horizontal line.

**George Bikas**  
**Manager, Land Development**

Encl.: Pictures