

Good Afternoon Leif,

This is in regard to file 0-8340. As mentioned in our telephone conversation yesterday, regrettably we will not be able to attend the public meeting on July 22nd and we are therefore sending a letter expressing our concerns with the proposals for the Official Plan Amendment for the Hyde Park industrial area.

We live at 1217 Gainsborough Road. The amendment as issued includes the property at 1195 Gainsborough Road, which abuts our property to our East, their West. We are assured from the City of London Zoning Department that the current zoning for 1195 Gainsborough is LI 1 and specifically does not allow without a zoning amendment, for the storage of school buses or similar type of vehicle. We understand that under the proposed amendment in the above file number, once passed, no zoning change would be required for this purpose at 1195 Gainsborough. Our concern and the basis for our objection is that there is a probability of a new access road to be constructed between our property line and the factory building. If the property at 1195 Gainsborough were to apply for a zoning change under the current zoning, we would have had an opportunity to put forward an objection and have our concerns addressed. As it is, we have no choice but to object to the complete Official Plan Amendment as it stands so that our concerns are addressed with regard to this specific property.

There is a significant height difference between our land level and the level of a possible new access roadway on their property, ours being higher. A retaining wall would need to be constructed on the boundary to the height of perhaps 10 to 12 feet to replace the existing bank. A structure of that height will require significant foundation underpinning. We have a well located close to our property line. The well has been in use for more than 80 years and we have lived on this property, with this well being our sole source of water, with no water issues, for close to 30 years.

We are looking for an assurance that, should a future access road be proposed in the given location, sufficient studies are undertaken to safeguard our water supply. Our concerns regarding this are as follows:-

- a) Our well is a relatively shallow well and, as mentioned, the foundations of a retaining wall will be very close to the water levels for our well.
- b) Because of the location of the access road, for most of the winter months there will be little sunlight getting to the road level and with the volume of traffic that one can anticipate with 40 buses per day using the roadway a number of times, there is likely to be a build up of ice and salt from the bottom of the buses. We are concerned about our groundwater being contaminated and undrinkable.
- c) We are concerned about transfer vibration that could affect the soil formation where our well is situated, caused by having large numbers of heavy vehicles using the roadway in that location.

We want to emphasize that we are in full support of development in the Hyde Park area, including 1195 Gainsborough, but feel that safeguards concerning the above, need to be addressed.

We appreciate your assistance in bringing attention of this matter to Planning Committee members.

We thank you for taking time to look into this.

Sincerely,

Adam and Janis Kempinski