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To: Davis, Michael W.; Lysynski, Heather
Subject: Fwd: Corner of Waterloo and Central

Dear Judy, Don, Kate and London's City Planner:

I am hoping to attend the meeting at City Hall this Tuesday, September 23rd for a public input meeting regarding the empty lot at the corner of Waterloo Street and Central Avenue.

As most of you know, I have been a long time champion of urban living, and when our family moved to London's Woodfield area over 22 years ago, it did not take me long to become an active member of our Community Association. Our motto has always been "**Residential to the Core**" and the longer you live here, the more you begin to appreciate the need to preserve the integrity of our neighbourhood in the face of differing points of view. I'm asking that my point of view be considered when making a decision with respect to Dr. Hardick's proposal for an amendment to an official plan and zoning by-law.

Like many in our neighbourhood, I am delighted to see an interest in developing a building to anchor the corner of Waterloo Street and Central Avenue as this lot has sat empty for far too long. At the same time, **I am vehemently opposed to the demolition of either of the two homes** in question to allow for a greater space for the developer. Quite simply, the developer should work within the space and context of the existing empty property to construct his building. Furthermore, **I am also opposed to the design** the developer has put forth to erect in this space. In my view, the proposed design is not in keeping with the character of our streetscape. There are certainly many fine examples of larger buildings, such as Woodfield Commons on Princess Avenue, built to respect neighbourhood's heritage honour.

The very fact the **Heritage Impact Assessment report submitted to the City of London was compiled by a firm through the developer should raise a red flag of bias**. The report is very wordy, and in no way is reflective of a firm that truly understands Woodfield or heritage. Many of us that live, work and raise families in this neighbourhood feel our precious homes are being taken away through one demolition permit after another. The longer you live here, the more connected you become to the various homes that make us unique.....from the very small vernacular cottages to the beautiful mansions that grace our streetscapes. I've become a protective parent for these homes and ask that you work with the developer to move forward in a way that keeps us all happy. There is definite value in developing a new building at Waterloo and Central, but not at the expense of decisions that pit one neighbour against another, and at the expense of changing existing zoning and by-laws.

Each of you on this list has the ability to affect change and to make informed decisions on behalf of those who you represent. I want to be sure my voice is heard and on the table because each of you represent me.

Respectfully submitted,

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