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1. We are London Dairy Farms. We own 275 acres on the north side of Wilton Grove Road, located on the east and west sides of Old Victoria Road. We also own 100 acres of farm land on the south side of Wilton Grove Road next to the Mustang Drive-In.
2. this is prime agricultural land and it is some of the finest agricultural land in Ontario;
3. our property is used for intensive livestock production, which is an appropriate use within the prime agricultural area;
4. we have made capital investments on our land to permit dairy production, and in fact we are the largest producer of milk in Ontario;
5. the security of our investment is threatened by proposed land-use changes that seek to introduce uses that are incompatible with agriculture;
6. our understanding is that provincial policy protects agriculture and the agricultural resource base of the province;
7. planning authorities, including the City of London, are required to make decisions that are consistent with provincial policy;
8. being consistent with provincial policy is more than finding support in a single policy;
9. the PPS requires that all decisions take into account the whole provincial policy statement;
10. the failure of this proposal is that it gives essentially no consideration to the impact which the proposed changes would have on agricultural uses and interests in and around the subject area;
11. the proposed changes are urban-centric and do not represent a balanced or fair application of provincial policy;
12. a more appropriate recommendation would be one that balanced these competing interests;
13. that balance would be looking for ways to minimize impacts on agriculture by taking into account conflicting land uses and steering away from productive land;
14. the area west of Wellington Road has lower capability soils, which accounts for the presence of the city landfill site;
15. the landfill site, aggregate extraction and other non-agricultural uses have already had a significant impact on the suitability of the area west of Wellington Road for the most productive agricultural uses;
16. what you would expect to see in a report is an assessment of potential locations for industrial land uses that includes serious consideration of the impact on agriculture;
17. the City, in your opinion, places too little emphasis on the agricultural component of the local economy;
18. this proposal is a reflection of that approach and ought to be rethought

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