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Subject: Re: Proposal to City of London for Lambeth Community Improvement Plan

The community of Lambeth-and-area, bounded (roughly) by Bostwick & Wharncliffe Roads to the north-east, south of Pack Road, north of Hwy 401 and west to approximately Westdel Bourne, was first settled in 1809 and has been part of London since 1993. Although it has many strengths in people and resourcefulness, community growth has been significantly hindered, both in business and social development, due to overarching environmental barriers.

Lambeth Community Association expects these barriers may be exacerbated in the coming years by the roll-out of SouthWest Area Plan, so much so that Lambeth risks losing its viability as a place to live, or do business. The challenges extend back to its roots as a local transportation hub (the junction of two locally significant highways) and semi-agricultural communities (serviced primarily by local wells and individual septic systems).

Since annexation, Lambeth has capped its well and is now serviced by City water, but much of the community still relies on individual septic systems. Finally, although Col. Talbot Road and Main Street are no longer officially classed as provincial highways, the road infrastructure still reflects that historical role.

The result is a community, increasingly surrounded by metropolitan development, but without the environment and infrastructure that can accommodate or respond to the needs and purposes of the social and business climate envisioned by SouthWest Area Plan. The community of Lambeth is very invested in enhancing tree-cover in Lambeth (a Lambeth Community Forest and other projects) as well as in the continuation of the Dingman Creek greenbelt (municipal acquisition and control of green space along the Dingman west of Col. Talbot towards Pack Road, as now exists on the east side).

The proposal then, is to create a Community Improvement Plan for the community of Lambeth-and-area, to transform Lambeth into a vibrant, green, efficient community, providing for present and future needs for transportation, infrastructure development, business investment in keeping with Lambeth's essential character (family-friendly, safe for young and old, for pedestrian and various forms of wheeled transportation, and attractive for "human-scaled" businesses and services).

Lambeth Community Association can contribute to a multi-year Community Improvement Plan by facilitating dialogue, community engagement and by working with municipal staff and political representatives throughout the process.

Lambeth Community Association supports Councillor Hopkins in identifying Lambeth as a candidate for a Community Improvement Plan.

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