

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

13. Properties located at 1631, 1635, 1639, 1643 and 1649 Richmond Street - Site Plan (SP15-011562)

- Chris Pigeon, GSP Group, on behalf of the applicant – (see attached presentation.)
- Bob Hyde, 187 Rathowen Street – indicating that he is a former London Transit Commission bus operator, with this proposal being a large student development, if he is correct, with a large number of students; and, enquiring as to what facilities are being provided for a bus operator to pull in off the road and pick up students.
- Cliff Hardick, 39 Cherokee Road – expressing appreciation for the public forum; thanking City Staff and Planning for allowing them to have input; advising that his major concern is that he has lived in this neighbourhood for forty years; indicating that it is a stable London old neighbourhood now; noting that it was a young one when he moved in but it is not anymore; pointing out that the last two or three homes that sold on that street, they saw a sold sign before a for sale sign; indicating that these homes sell very rapidly, they are a very wanted product in the City because of the proximity to the quiet neighbourhood and the quiet streets, Masonville Mall, and especially the school; advising that they are probably in their third generation of kids going to Masonville School since he has lived there; requesting that the Committee not recommend this site plan to the new Council; thinking that the town houses encroach quite a bit on the backyards of the residences on Cherokee Road; thinking that the future for the turnover for those houses is going to be impacted greatly by the Committee approving the site plan of the townhouses on the west side of the six storey development; favouring the proposal of the six storey apartment buildings on the east side of the development which is the façade on Richmond Street; believing that Rise has done a very good presentation tonight, but he, for one, as well as many neighbours on our street, think that they would like to request that the Committee not recommend the site plan approval of the town homes as it can only have a negative impact to the existing Masonville subdivision; indicating that it cannot have a positive impact; expressing appreciation for the opportunity to make these comments; and expressing appreciation for everything that the Committee has done to date and City staff as well.
- Bill Davis, 25 Cherokee Road – expressing appreciation to Rise for making the changes that they did; asking a question of the Planners; indicating that what was shown tonight is better than what they saw in 2011, but he is not sure, from a planning point of view, not sure if the Urban Design Peer Review Panel would agree that it is good enough; advising that, in his opinion, it is getting there, but he is not an architect nor a planner; and, requesting that the Planners comment on whether they think this is getting closer to what they agreed to back in 2014.