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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

To whom it may concern,

As the executive of the SoHo Community Association we would like to address the positioning of future Methadone clinics in London. First we would like to express appreciation for the efforts put forward in addressing so sensitive an issue by everyone involved.

The recommendations as written are certainly far reaching and comprehensive. We would like to remind everyone of the development slated for the Colborne Street corridor as outlined in the Community Improvement Plan currently in place for SoHo.

The Colborne Street corridor is to become the main access route for downtown to the river front properties beginning development this year with the demolition of properties at the old Victoria Hospital South Street campus.

It may be worth taking into account that the single most favorable location for a clinic in SoHo is the south west corner of Colborne and Horton Streets.

While we are proud to sponsor so many social service locations in SoHo, this may not be the most ideal place given the pedestrian traffic we are hoping will be generated in years to come. This would definitely be considered a "pedestrian corridor" as defined in the document entitled: "PLANNING FOR METHADONE CLINICS AND METHADONE PHARMACIES A Proposed Policy and Regulatory Framework" From the Planning Division dated October 2011.

Additionally, and from the same document, it would be prudent to remember that one of the considerations was to avoid clustering. As mentioned above, SoHo proudly sponsors many service organisations already, not to mention the proximity of the large clinic on Dundas Street

These are just a few of the considerations we would think it would be good to keep in mind in any future deliberations.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards
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