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To The Attention of City Clerk  
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Please see that this letter of protest is put on the adjenda for the June 22 meeting of the environmental committee

**RE: Notice of public meeting before the planning and environment committee  
For an official plan amendment application  
File No. 0-7983--- Patch # 10106**

The parcel of land in question referred to by the City Of London as **PATCH # 10106** has been selected to change from ER to OS5.

I am hereby objecting to this change for the following reasons.

Patch # 10106 is in fact approximately 1800 feet of the banister drain. This is a man- made open drain approximately 5 to 7 feet deep and 8 feet wide with a very few scrub trees growing out of its banks. In fact it was just completely cleaned out by the city this past year.

In your mail out dated May 20, 2015 under purpose and effect you state:

The purpose and effect of the change is to recognize the significance of woodlands in the agricultural area and provide for their long term protection. The change in designation will not result in any major changes to the uses or woodland management activities permitted under the ER designation and zone, and the trees will remain subject to the city's tree conservation by-law.

This patch has nothing to do with trees. There are very few and the ones that are there are of no value

Your stated reasons for this change are as per your schedule 1.1 a- that it is watercourse and contributes to the ground water recharge. It is a watercourse but it has a clay bottom and so does not contribute to ground water recharge any more than any other piece of clay ground. Also it is not a wetland as it dries up completely in dry weather when the slope is well graded.

Your second reason for this change is as per your schedule 1.1b- that it is on a steep slope. That is not the case and if the site had been visited, this would be obvious.

Your third reason for this change is as per your schedule 1.2 a- that it has landscape richness, and I quote your description—It demonstrates that native plant richness and flora quality are significantly related to local forest cover with 10 percent cover of vegetation within a 2 km radius from patch centroid.

As I stated previously: this is an open drain that has been cleaned out of most all vegetation by the city in the past year and will continue to be cleaned out in order to function.

A far as the area having 10 percent forest cover within the 2 km radius, I would strongly question that measurement as this patch is in the middle of approximately 200 acres of farm land.

In closing I would Request that this Patch be left as a municipally maintained drain and that you remove the ER designation and not designate it as OS5.

I reserve my rights to appeal any other decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Respectfully Yours

  
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