

From: Michael Fitzgerald
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2015 11:22 AM
To: Lysynski, Heather
Subject: Fwd: Application to amend the zoning by-law (Z-8490)

Dear Ms. Lysynski,

I am uncertain as to whether my original submission was received owing to the disruption at City Hall. Please find it below.

I wish to register my strong objection to this proposal as it is the wrong development for this corner and for the neighbourhood.

Sincerely,

Mike Fitzgerald

Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Fitzgerald
Subject: Application to amend the zoning by-law (Z-8490)
Date: July 4, 2015 at 10:05:03 AM EDT
To: jyanchul@london.ca

Dear Mister Yanchula,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed demolition of 505, 507 and 511 Talbot street.

I am strongly opposed to this. Demolishing these buildings and replacing them with the proposed design will destroy the character of this corner. I was uneasy about the proposal for the same style of development at the corner of Talbot and Fullarton but that at least was to be on a more or less vacant lot. This proposal would be nothing less than an eyesore. It is the wrong area for this type of development.

Speaking as one who walks the cities that he visits, the more character that you have in a downtown the more attractive and appealing it is. You must be very careful about demolishing history and heritage and the unspoken value that it brings to an area. Development can be done responsibly, it can blend in to the surroundings, *The Harriston* at Dufferin and Ridout being an example. Or it can be an eyesore that leaves people shaking their heads such as what we find at Springbank and Commissioners with that very poorly placed apartment complex.

The corner of Talbot and Dufferin leads into an old neighbourhood and it needs to be protected to keep the character of the area in place. There are better places to build.

Sincerely,

Mike Fitzgerald