

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to further express my concern regarding the impact of Rezoning Proposal OZ-7972 (1103 Adelaide Street North). As the various parties seem determined to turn a residential neighbourhood into one full of high-volume businesses, I would like to illustrate the impacts and ramifications of what is being done to our neighbourhood and the families living here. Currently, traffic makes it difficult for us to exit or enter our driveway. Additionally, turning left from Adelaide onto Huron Street is dangerous, due to the lack of sightlines from the left turn lane, lack of advance green and volume of traffic. I have been informed that this intersection has 47 per cent more accidents than other intersections of its type. As I mentioned in my early correspondence, my daughter has nearly been hit simply walking through the intersection numerous times over the years. If City Council decides to allow this rezoning, these problems will become worse. It is impossible to believe that accidents will not increase due to the traffic volume and lack of sidewalks.

We also have to deal with the impacts of current businesses on the east side of Adelaide. Unlike Harry's Garage which closed at 17:00 every day and was closed on Sundays and holidays, the current businesses in this neighbourhood are open until extremely late hours. There is constant loitering around businesses like Tim Horton's and Wendy's. To invite that type of behaviour across from residences is reckless. Additionally, our sleep is interrupted at 3 a.m. every morning due to garbage removal from Wendy's and our house physically shakes when cars with loud music stop at the nearby intersection in the middle of the night. The quality of life that we currently have will only continue to deteriorate with the addition of more garbage removal issues and more traffic issues such as the resulting noise and headlights beaming directly into our houses.

We have put our lives and finances into this neighbourhood and this property, just as our neighbours have done. Our request to have a suitable business across the street, one which does not have a drive-through and does not promote anti-resident behaviour, is not unwarranted or unreasonable. London should not go down the road that over-industrialized, inhospitable cities like many in the GTA have. This has always been a city which welcomes residents and integrates businesses properly. It would be devastating to see that change. I sincerely hope that City Council rethinks this issue. The type of business being proposed are not wanted and not required. To implement these types of changes is to continue the destruction of this neighbourhood and its families.

Sincerely,

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