

Monday, April 25, 2016

**Comment for Public Participation meeting ... P&E agenda item 12**

**To:** Planning and Environment Committee, per H. Lysynski, secretary  
**From:** Maureen Temme and Christopher Downing

**Concerning: P&E agenda item 12 - ... Request for Demolition by Majesty Commercial Properties Inc. re property located at 80 Oxford Street West.**

With apologies, we cannot be at the meeting today, so send this via Ms. Lysynski

Several years ago, we spoke *for* the designation of buildings 78 through 88 Oxford Street West, as an example of a particular architectural style in London's history. We also said that these buildings protected the yards of neighbours to the immediate south. Also, at that time, the owners of Pellark Medical Building (and ownership has, we think, changed) wanted to extend the parking area and that was not a good alternative for the Oxford face.

Now - 2016 - heritage architectural features of 84 and 86 Oxford have been removed. 88 and 82 haven't been sided and seem to still have tenants.

**Houses 78 and 80 Oxford Street have become poster children for the term "demolition by neglect" ... and that neglect had been going on even before the houses became unlivable by people.**

We do not know if the current owner is the owner who began the neglect process years ago. We know 80 Oxford has to come down. We are surprised the request didn't go in for 78 at the same time.

**What is going to happen to the space at 80 and 78 Oxford? This affects the immediate neighbours, and ourselves, who live across the street.**

- Is there a proposal in to Planning at the same time as this demolition request?
- Does the City have some first dibs on the land? ... we recall something about that and a turn lane ...

**And ... are there any ways in which the City can get more teeth into its jurisdiction to make sure landlords keep up properties that are empty or that landlords want to empty?** We know that City staff have had to spend a lot of time on 80 Oxford and the others; it's a waste of their time and abilities.

Thank you,

Sincerely,



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