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Planning and Environment Committee
City of London
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Dear PEC members,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING: REQUEST FOR DEMOLITION – 80 Oxford St. West

On behalf of the London and Middlesex Historical Society I want to object to the request for demolition application for 80 Oxford Street West and the support for this motion by the London Advisory Committee on Heritage. In addition, the Historical Society does not support the motion by LACH for the removal of the heritage listed properties at 78, 82, 84, 86 and 88 Oxford Street West from the Register (Inventory of Heritage Resources). These recommendations should be denied.

These 6 properties in a stretch of homes built in the Colonial Revival style with their distinctive gambrel roofs are a great loss for the streetscape along Oxford Street West. They show the urban expansion of our growing city in 1906-07 to build residential homes along Oxford St. and moving ever northward into suburban living.

The use of documentation, interpretive signs and plaques is a poor substitute for the real tangible structures as part of the streetscape and being incorporated into the evolving fabric of the urban landscape.

This is a great example of demolition by neglect and expediency for the sake of urban growth and traffic intensification (road widening).

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views on this issue.

Sincerely,

Theresa Regnier
President