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Planning and Environment Committee  
City of London  
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Dear PEC members,

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING: REQUEST FOR DEMOLITION – 1656 Hyde Park Road**

On behalf of the London and Middlesex Historical Society I want to give our endorsement for the staff recommendation of a *Notice of Intention to Designate 1656 Hyde Park Road* under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act which the London Advisory Committee on Heritage motioned in support of at their April meeting.

The request for demolition should be denied so preservation of architectural heritage in the Hyde Park area can be established to promote and tell the story of the village.

The preservation of the Italianate vernacular architectural style of the Routledge original farmhouse will maintain some recognition of the residential elements that once made up the village of Hyde Park; some are still evident along Gainsborough Rd. and Hyde Park Rd., including this property. The massive change to intensive commercial and retail activity in this area is causing extensive erosion of the character and charm of the village of Hyde Park.

The heritage of the City of London and the hamlet, villages, and communities that now are a part of the City form an integral part of our community and It is important to preserve them.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Regnier  
President