

April 21, 2016

Planning and Environment Committee City of London 300 Dufferin Avenue London, ON N6A 4L9

Attention: Ms. Heather Lysynski, Committee Secretary

Dear Ms. Lysynski

RE: Demolition Permit

1656 Hyde Park Road Our File: HLH/LON/13-01

Zelinka Priamo Ltd., on behalf of Hyde Park Investments 2015 Inc., has submitted an application to demolition the existing dwelling on the above noted property.

We have had an opportunity to review the staff report prepared in relation to the proposed demolition request and the analysis of the existing dwelling overall and appreciate the details on the history of the dwelling that have been provided. However, we feel that it is also important for the Committee to have a full understanding of the context in which the existing dwelling is proposed to be demolished.

On November 17, 2015 a Site Plan Approval application was submitted for the subject lands along with four other properties, being 1600, 1622 and 1648 Hyde Park Road. These lands make up the primary intersection of the Hyde Park Village at the northeast corner of Hyde Park Road and Gainsborough Road, and extend north along Hyde Park Road, through to North Routledge Street (save and except for 1634 Hyde Park Road).

The overall proposed development consists of two, two-storey commercial buildings, which will anchor the corners of the site, and a smaller restaurant building along the Hyde Park Road frontage (see attached site plan and elevations). A total of 80,280sq.ft of commercial floor space is proposed, consisting of retail and office uses. However, the current plan being reviewed through the Site Plan Approval application process has removed the proposed two-storey commercial building from the property on account of the existing heritage-listed dwelling on 1656 Hyde Park Road. A site plan resubmission package was provided to staff on March 31 and we are awaiting final comments on the review in order to obtain conditional permits and start construction on the proposed commercial building at the southeast corner of the site.

The overall vision for the proposed development is to create a main-street type development that will cater to the local residents of the Hyde Park Village. The buildings have been designed with entrances facing the street and corner treatments positioned to articulate the intersections. A hard surface landscape treatment, along with evenly spaced landscape strips, has been provided within the road allowance to create a seamless plaza from the City sidewalk through to the building face (see attached landscape plan). A large pergola is also proposed along the Hyde Park Road frontage to further animate the street frontage.

While we recognize that City Heritage Planning staff have suggested there are heritage attributes related to the existing dwelling that would merit the designation of the property, there are significant issues related to the retention of the existing dwelling. These concerns, in relation to the proposed development, are as follows:

- The dwelling was constructed in 1880. To renovate the existing dwelling and bring it up
  to building code standards for a commercial use and incorporate it into the overall
  development would result in significant alterations to the exterior and interior of the
  building;
- The location of the existing dwelling setback approximately 11m (36ft) from the street creates a gap in the building line that is envisioned for the Hyde Park Road street frontage over the long term; and
- The existing dwelling is in significant disrepair. A Building Condition Report was prepared with the most notable issues identified as being the foundation which has displaced and the mortar joints of the exterior masonry walls which have deteriorated.

As an alternative to the retention of the existing dwelling, we feel that the incorporation of key heritage features throughout the proposed development would be a greater benefit to the long term commemoration of the Routledge family, the Hyde Park Business Association and the overall proposed development.

On April 13, 2016 we met with the Hyde Park Business Association to review the following alternatives:

- The use of the reclaimed brick and the "gingerbread" features in the construction of public spaces within the proposed development (ie. the pergola);
- A commemorative plaque and storey board depicting and summarizing the history of the existing dwelling; and
- A design element at the corner of Hyde Park Road and Gainsborough Road recognizing the establishment of the Hyde Park Village.

As per the letter provided by the Hyde Park Business Association, dated April 19, 2016 (attached), they are supportive of this alternative approach to heritage recognition and support the demolition of the existing dwelling, acknowledging it as a benefit to the growth of the Hyde Park community. Allowing the redevelopment of the east side of Hyde Park Road through to North Routledge Street will encourage existing properties further north to continue to redevelop over the long term.

We trust the enclosed is satisfactory to allow a fulsome review of the proposed demolition permit. We look forward to discussing this matter with Committee members on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Yours very truly,

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Associate

cc. Harry Hermann, Hyde Park Investments 2015 Inc.

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#### RE: Letter of support for the demolition of 1656 Hyde Park Road

The Hyde Park Business Association (HPBA) is a valued partner in the community as a strong player in several high profile development and social projects that promote business and community involvement and growth operating with volunteer involvement representing area businesses. A few of the most notable projects include:

- i) the Piano Project London's first community piano in a park that will be celebrating its 3<sup>rd</sup> year in 2016 and brings together businesses, community members, non-profit groups, schools, and the City of London.
- ii) the support of the newly renovated North West London Resource Centre and its' commercial kitchen, and
- iii) the Hyde Park Road Widening committee, where HPBA acts as a liaison between the City of London and local businesses for communication, community participation, etc.

With the Hyde Park and Gainsborough area rapidly changing, and now that the road widening approaches completion, there presents opportunities for new commercial development and growth in the area that is consistent with current zoning.

As such, the HPBA has a role ensuring that this growth and development happens in a manner that supports residents and businesses and the concept of the Hyde Park community as per the Hyde Park Official Community Plan and its' designation in the new London Plan.

To that end, the Hyde Park Business Association met with the Developer, HLH and the Planner, Zelinka Priamo Ltd on April 13, 2016 to discuss the proposed demolition of the structure at 1656 Hyde Park Road.

Topics discussed included the existing structure on site and its state of disrepair (including footing and foundation), limitation of use this structure presents and the reduction in the scope of the proposed development by HLH on the south side of North Routledge and Hyde Park road if structure remains.

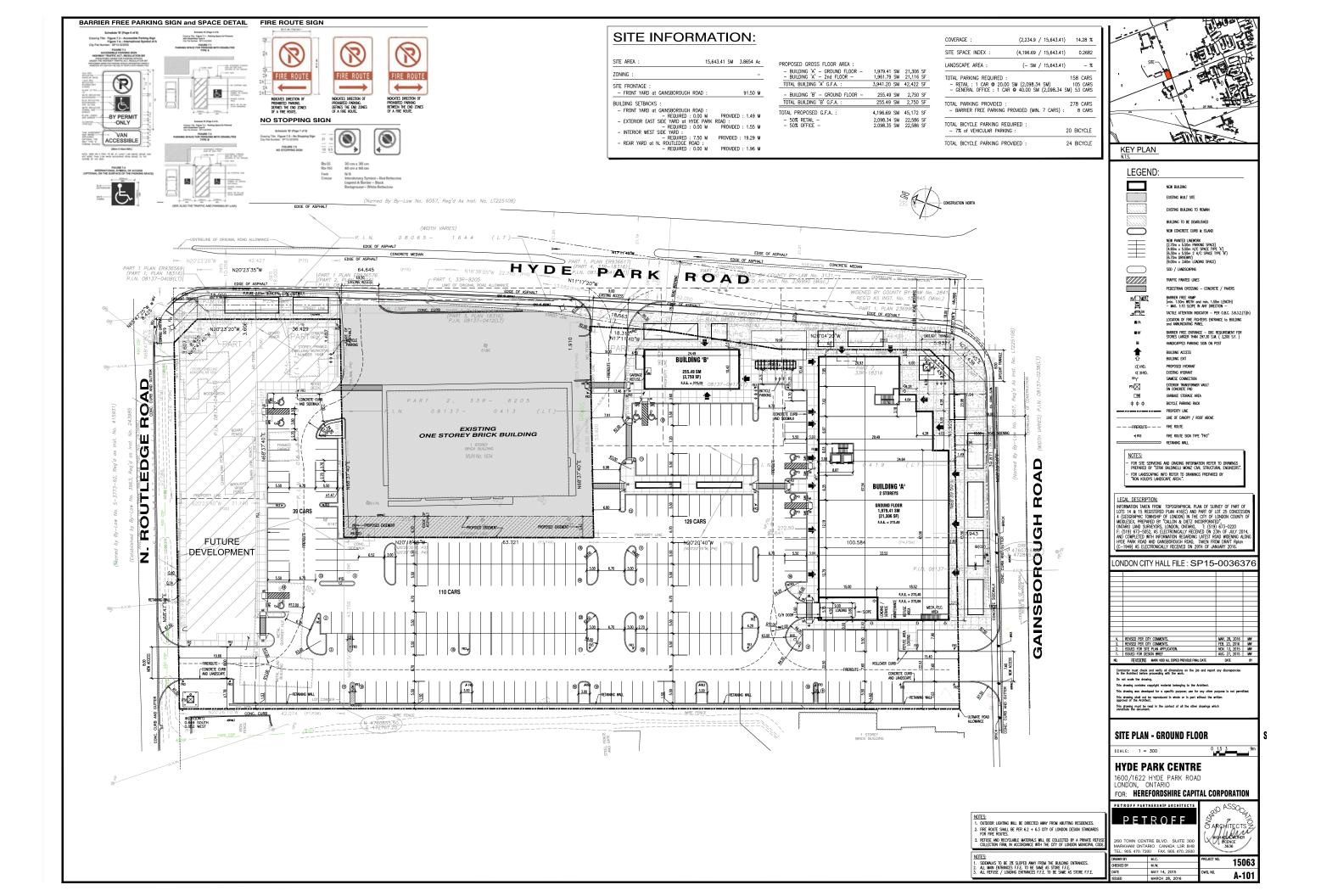
Also discussed was the unique character and heritage the structure presents for this area, and the importance of preserving, honouring and integrating some of the character elements of the structure into design of the future development.

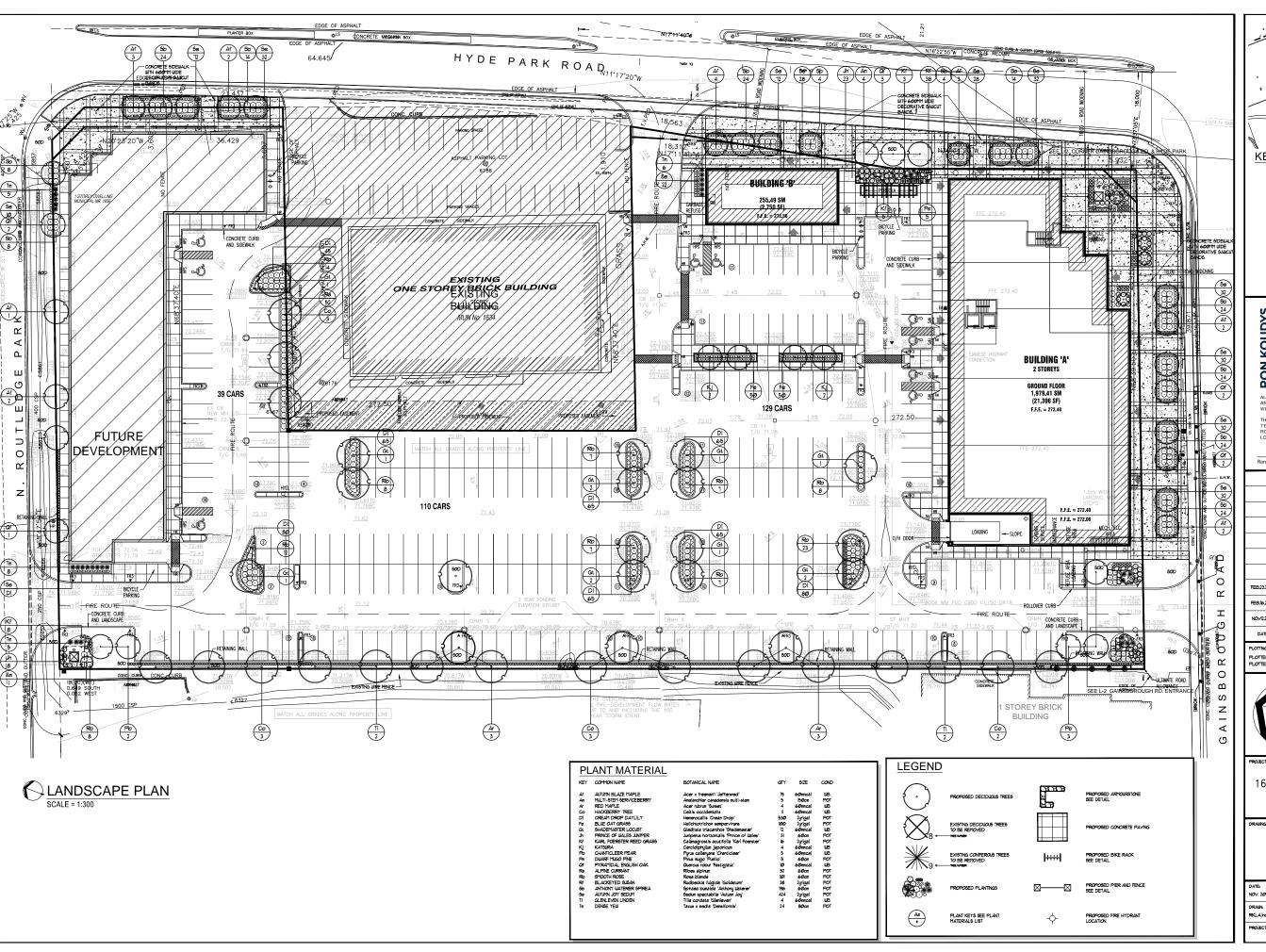
Although our first choice was to see the building maintained, we understand that it is not possible, given the structural condition, therefore, looking at all of the options. The HPBA supports the related demolition of 1656 Hyde Park Road providing the Planner and Developer follow through as discussed and agreed to honor the history of this intersection by integrating the character of the dwelling in the new construction, such as using the reclaimed brick from the structure, adding replica 'gingerbread' features throughout the development (e.g., in public spaces/pergola) and a commemorative plaque with possible photo story board (if sufficient info available) about the dwelling somewhere at the corner of North Routledge and Hyde Park Road on the new building.

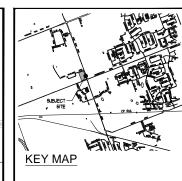
In summary, the HPBA supports the vision of HLH's development along Hyde Park Road west between Gainsborough and North Routledge. It is our position that the new commercial space being developed for small business fits well within the vision of a pedestrian, commercial, village destination and will attract, retain and grow businesses in the Hyde Park area resulting an overall positive impact to the City and its residents.

Regards, Donna Szpakowski President; Hyde Park Business Association

CC: Josh Morgan, Ward 7 Councillor, City of London, K. Gonyou, Heritage Planner, City of London Michelle Doombosch, Zelinka Priamo Ltd; Harry Hermann, HLH Investments Ltd









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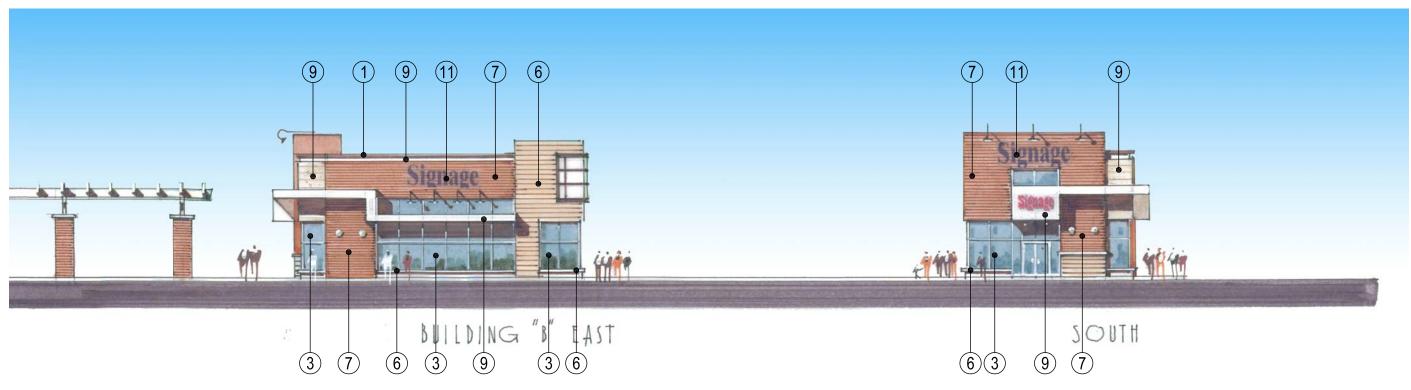
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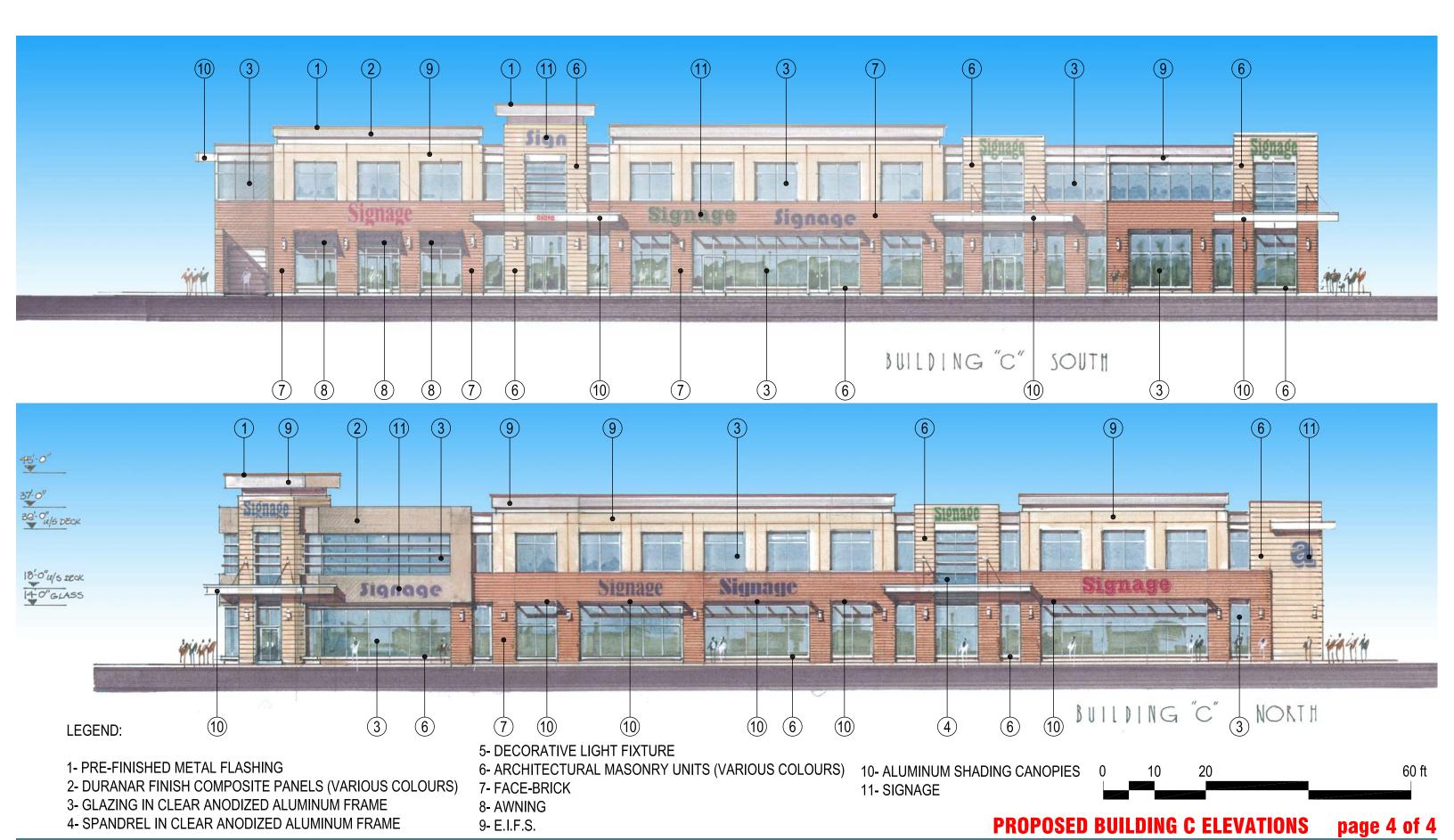
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