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Opposition to Demolition of 764 Waterloo until Plans for Redevelopment Given

Dear City Councilors,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the demolition of 764 Waterloo in the Bishop Hellmuth Heritage District until further plans for redevelopment of the site are given that are consistent with the Heritage designation of the district. I plan on attending the Building and Natural Environment Committee meeting this evening to voice my opinions.

In short, when my wife and I choose to buy our house at 875 Hellmuth Ave in London just over a year ago, one of the attractive features of the neighborhood was its heritage designation. We embraced the opportunity to live in a community so close to everything London has to offer while retaining a strong sense of history and providing a safe community with relatively low traffic. We are concerned that the demolition of 764 Waterloo violates the intent of creating the Heritage Conservation District in which we live. While the house may be in disrepair it does not mean that like so many other houses in the district (including our own), it could not be restored to its former glory. Moreover, without firm redevelopment plans for the sight that meet the guidelines of the Heritage District and reflect the building policies it seems pre-mature to approve any approval for demolition at this juncture. Therefore, I oppose the demolition of the site until plans for redevelopment of the sight are given that fully respect the heritage nature of the neighborhood.

Thanks for listening to my concerns, Brian Richter

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