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Subject: 764 Waterloo Street

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Dear Members of the Built and Natural Environment Committee,

I wish to go on record as opposing the demolition of 764 Waterloo St.

I am a long-time resident of the Bishop Hellmuth community. I have lived on Wellington St. for 40 years. I have raised my children here and now, in my retirement, I continue to live in the heritage home and neighbourhood which I love. The Bishop Hellmuth Heritage Conservation District, with its rich history, Queen Anne Revival style architecture and beautiful wide tree-lined streets is one of London's treasures. There is much community pride in the neighbourhood and during my time here almost all of the owners have maintained and improved their properties. It is a wonderful area to live in at any stage of life.

Please do not allow the demolition of 764 Waterloo St.

Heritage buildings once demolished are gone forever. London's heritage neighbourhoods, especially the Heritage Conservation Districts, attract visitors and potential new residents to our city. Demolition within them has long term consequences.

Demolition and redevelopment are environmentally wasteful. To quote a well-known environmentalist: "The greenest brick is the one already in the wall". 764 Waterloo St. has architectural features worth preserving and it has the potential to be beautifully renovated and restored.

Demolition of this property and subsequent development on the site would begin an encroachment of commercial development into the Bishop Hellmuth residential neighbourhood and set a precedent for other developers with similar plans.

Bishop Hellmuth Heritage Conservation District was created to protect our neighbourhood because it was considered to be worthy of preservation. Demolition is not part of protection or preservation.

Sincerely,

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