

**Lysynski, Heather**

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**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2011 8:51 AM  
**To:** Lysynski, Heather  
**Cc:** Bryant, Judy; Baechler, Joni; nancy2@nanbran.com  
**Subject:** Opposition to Demolition of 764 Waterloo until Plans for Redevelopment Given

Dear City Councilors,

I am writing to share my concerns regarding the demolition of 764 Waterloo in the Bishop Hellmuth Heritage District. I feel that until further plans for redevelopment of the site are given that are consistent with the Heritage designation of the district, then the demolition should not be allowed. I plan to attend the Building and Natural Environment Committee meeting tonight to share my thoughts.

My husband and I purchased our house at 875 Hellmuth Ave in London a little over a year ago. One of the things we loved most about, and which was a deciding factor to buy this house, was the charm of the neighborhood and its heritage designation. We were thrilled to live in a community so close to downtown London while retaining a strong sense of the city's history and providing a safe community with relatively low traffic.

Both my husband and I 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,

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