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July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Mr. John Fleming,  
Managing Director, Planning and City Planner,  
The Corporation of the City of London,  
300 Dufferin Avenue,  
London, Ontario N6A 4L9

(Via Email)

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Re: Byron Gravel Pits Secondary Plan

The Topping/England group are owners of 1044 Byron Baseline Road (PIN 084320238) which is part of the Byron Gravel Pits.

The landowners and other interested parties reviewed the Terms of Reference of the City's proposed Secondary Plan. We felt that the recommendation to designate the Byron Pits and associated lands as Recreational/Open Space and Public Use was not in keeping with the historic use outlined in the official plan which allowed for both development and recreational use of these lands. In addition, we understand that City of London Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan has not identified any GAPS or demands for these lands, or lands like them in this location, immediately adjacent to Springbank Park, the City's largest Regional Park.

As a result, our group together with Lafarge worked with Sifton Properties and Land Development Solutions Engineering (LDS) to produce a Feasibility Study for the area.

This Study was funded by us and was provided to the City on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We recognized that this Study would require review and discussion with the City and we requested feedback and a meeting on several occasions.

A meeting was finally held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the City offices. The following meeting included representatives from the Planning Division, Parks Planning, Transportation and Water & Wastewater.

The comments were received from the City with short notice prior to the meeting leaving insufficient time for an indepth review. At this meeting it was agreed that the City would not be going forward with the Secondary Plan Terms of Reference until, at a minimum, further discussion has been held.

We understood that subsequent discussions had dealt with most of the City's questions. We requested a copy of the secondary plan but have not received it.

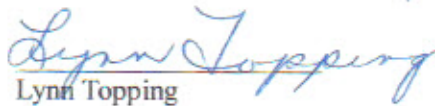
This item was scheduled to be presented to the Planning Committee on June 20<sup>th</sup> and we were subsequently advised shortly before that date that it was being rescheduled for the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

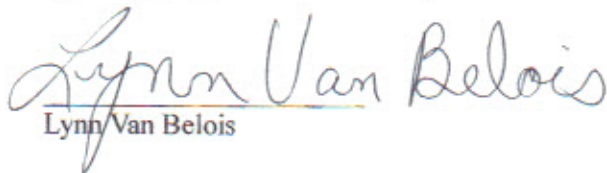
At that time, we were advised that one of the City's proposals was to commission a new Study and request the owners to cover the costs over and above those currently available in the City budget. Our preference would be to move forward with the steps necessary to develop Terms of Reference for a Secondary Plan covering the Byron Gravel Pits which covers both development and recreational use as previously conceived.

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Yours truly,

  
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