

Dear Mr. Squire and other PEC members

The purpose of this email is to voice support for the retention, in situ, of the facades of 479 to 489 Talbot St., known as Camden Terrace, and 93 and 95 Dufferin Terrace.

You are all far more familiar with the London Plan than I but my concern for the future of these buildings sent me to the online version of that document.

In the section on Cultural Heritage Resources item 573 confirms the importance of these buildings to London's cultural identity. As fine examples of the work of Samuel Peters Junior and of our dwindling supply of 1870's terrace houses, the buildings have both design and historic value.

Rygar Development is aware of the importance of these buildings to our city's cultural heritage but its proposal for the Camden Terrace buildings is contrary to item 566 in the London Plan: *Relocation of cultural heritage resources is discouraged. All options for on-site retention must be exhausted before relocation may be considered.*

Item 568 goes on to state: *conservation of whole buildings is encouraged and the retention of facades alone is discouraged.* Supporters of Camden Terrace's retention are aware of the buildings poor state in the section that faces west and realize that in this case retention of the facade only, in situ, is a reasonable expectation. The Dufferin Street buildings are, however, in good condition and can be retained in their entirety.

It was good to see in items 570 and 584 that City Council has options for cultural heritage protection and conservation namely through demolition control, heritage easements and bonusing.

I am looking forward to the community having an opportunity on Tuesday to voice its concerns regarding these buildings, resources which *are important in distinguishing London from other cities and make London a place that is more attractive for people to visit, live or invest in.* (Item 552)

Regards

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