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To Members of the Planning and Environment Committee:

I am writing to urge you to designate and retain, in situ, the buildings that comprise Camden Terrace.

The Staff Report in the Committee Agenda acknowledges the importance of heritage preservation within the City of London (p. 19): "The provincial and local planning objectives of greatest relevance to this Zoning By-law amendment application are the promotion of conservation of heritage resources and the promotion of growth and economic development in the City's Downtown." The report goes on, however, to treat the two components, conservation and growth, as essentially incompatible as far as Camden Terrace is concerned. This is fallacious. Toronto, Kitchener, and Windsor have achieved interesting developments by making the retention of heritage buildings a necessary part of a development rather than an option if convenient. Rygar has the opportunity here to create a visually appealing and unique entrance to its development by using the heritage structure as an opportunity rather than an obstacle -- an obstacle admittedly made more challenging here by the neglect the Terrace has suffered under Rygar's ownership over the last few years.

Thank you for acknowledging the importance of Camden Terrace and for further considering the possibilities inherent in its retention.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Tausky
