

My name is Fr. Greg Blonde. I am the chair of the Residents' Council of Amica at London. I am speaking on behalf of the 185 residents living independently at Amica at London.

I addressed city planning committee in these very chambers in March of 2014. At that time our primary concerns with the twin towers project to our immediate west were and still are our safety as we try to access/egress Fanshawe Park Road, and our ability to walk safely to and from Sunningdale Village Plaza to shop for necessities. At that time we asked to be given the opportunity to study the details of the traffic report and that a holding provision be placed on the development until these questions are satisfactorily answered.

After studying the report designed by Paradigm Transportation Solutions Limited and accepted by the city traffic department there were still some unanswered questions. Since I am not a traffic engineer I was unable to decipher all of the finer points of this study which seemed to talk only about traffic flow. I was alarmed that there seemed to be no clear concern about the safety of those entering and egressing Fanshawe Park Road from

our home, and our safety as we walk to and from the plaza.

Consequently we urged the management of Amica to engage the services of a traffic engineer. They agreed.

On Friday I received the 57 page summary of materials for this meeting. I noted that no mention was made of the statement in the Executive summary of the Paradigm report of the fifth conclusion. "By 2019 with full development and occupancy of the site there is insufficient capacity in the PM peak hour to accommodate left turn movements at the East Driveway. Therefore, it will be necessary to restrict these movements during this time period."

We are here today with our consultant engineer to back his presentation on behalf of Amica.

In an article in the Globe and Mail during the month of June of this year it is stated that after examining recent studies it appears that "ageism has become the most widely tolerated form of social prejudice in Canada.....Seniors want exactly what everyone else

wants; independence, respect and the choice to live their lives as they please.”

Many of us are truly fearful of what will happen if the concerns about our safety are not addressed. Some of our residents have even declared that they will be forced to leave if a satisfactory solution is not found. I have assured them that council will listen to our concerns and told them that if necessary we will approach the OMB.