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The closing of schools is a relatively new reality facing communities across this country from coast to coast. Small towns, large cities, are all faced with this emerging land use discussion. What is not present in any of these discussions is any level of government willing to take on the task of creating a formal policy to evaluate what is best for the community after the school closes

This is where strong, local leadership, combined with collaborative input from the school board, department heads of local government. Parks, utilities, etc. and most importantly city councilors (who are our first immediate voice) m.p's and mpp's' must get together with the community, to allow for complete transparency and balanced decision. Our local officials are aware of community needs and programs on the horizon which may best fit the local zoning and community concerns.

If we treat this issue with a checklist so to speak, after all input has been gathered from these various departments allowing for minimum standards before land sale to private developers. We can avoid what is sure to be an endless gathering of angry residents at city hall.

The closing of Huron Heights school, and the flow of information regarding ownership can only be described as seemingly deceitful. The admitted lack of knowledge of this developer, being totally unaware of the proximity to Fanshawe College and their decision not to amend this plan, after it was brought to their attention is either an outright lie at worst, or at best shows complete lack of planning and local knowledge. To overlook this large glaring campus and the location of this site is "intriguing" to me. True the city cannot control where people live. You as members of this committee can prevent most if not all of our safety concerns by not allowing the zoning to build it in the first place. The lack of sidewalks, with increased traffic is a recipe for tragedy. Someone will be hurt or worse. Huron Heights residents have overwhelmingly let our united voices be known, this is a horrible massive mistake. Our numbers are small 200 or so, but the majority of all residents are telling you to put the safety of your citizens first. You have an obligation to ensure new developments do not compromise our safety or right to the enjoyment of our property. My house on Mark Street backs onto this site. The size and scale combined with the likelihood of student rental units behind my house not only blocks any view but will decrease my ability to enjoy my once quiet relatively private lot. Which I paid a premium for. Be very clear about this new plan to infill schools to this magnitude. You should tell all London landowners backing onto schools this is your plan.

The city had a chance to purchase this land and someone decided there was no potential here. Who makes these decisions, I would like to give them a few ideas. From Daycare to a veterans integration center, homelessness poverty. Plug in your community concern here. But these innovative community based ideas, to meet current zoning can only be talked about if you as our elected voices deny this outrageous plan. We are very clear in our united concerns about Traffic will be a major problem with a neighborhood which was never designed to handle it. Not located on bus route. On a map it would appear to have more than enough green space, however most of this green space is not for general public use. Baseball fields cannot be used by residents. The actual depletion of green space is alarming. To add 500 more residents and assume the tiny green space is enough for them and our 200 plus residents is insulting. There's also a very large population of residents on the north side of Huron Street who are in need of and demand a safe space to enjoy.

This past summer the playground equipment was removed from the park neighboring Fleming drive. Lack of family use and constant broken glass was cited. Guns and drugs discovered, multiple break and enters to units, and that was only this past summer. By allowing this development to through and changing the zoning, you will unleash these negative consequences of inappropriate cluster housing to this side of the park as well. This is not an assumption it is facts. We have seen first hand what can happen. The worst riot in London's history happened across the field from this site. Cars were burned propane tanks thrown into a tire to stoke the flames. Fences ripped down and torched. Vehicles personal property all in flames. The street was on fire, bottles rained down on residents, and emergency vehicles were waiting on the main street because it was too dangerous to enter the complex full of hundreds of rowdy people. This happened right next to this proposed development. Fleming drive phase 2. Lessons must be learned from that incident. Never again. If we don't build it, the concerns cease to exist. With some promotion of this site I know we can do better than this irresponsible plan. Its lacks any integrity when it comes to our serious and valid concerns about our safety, community, as it was designed. This zoning is in place and must be respected for any number of reasons, but in our case in particular. This neighborhood is fantastic, but has challenges as it is, when you walk your dog after dark. Dimly lit, slight curves combined with park cars make you more aware of traffic in this neighborhood. To increase it in this area is ridiculous. Of the 3 entrances to the neighborhood, only 1 has a traffic light. That light can only hold two cars before traffic will begin to back up on mark street. And that will be your best option compared to trying to turn left on highbury, across 4 lanes of traffic. or the the 3rd and most likely first visible problem turning from michael st either way. Already backs up at certain hours due to fanshawe entrance. In the summer, never a problem, again a unique huron heights issue we manage. If you approve this in my and other's opinion you will destroy the basic livability of our neighborhood. You will upset the balance between original character and open community space built into our already intensified corner of the city.

I will not lie it looks perfect on a map, and on wall boards. It fits with your not yet approved London plan to a tee. The problem is this neighborhood cannot contain it. The zoning of this school was designed into original plans to be both the end of huron heights phase 1 and the beginning of huron heights phase 2. With only mutual green space and community center to divide. Huron heights was built in 4 distinct phases. To eliminate and fill in this green space, to that degree is to disrespect every resident here, and the basic idea of community green space planners built in to make this neighborhood great, comfortable quiet.

This file is the like the story of the boy who cried wolf, when it comes to modern development. Meeting after meeting you here residents claim noise traffic privacy, i'm 100 per cent convinced our concerns are legitimate. We were not told key information about the ownership of this property, that we needed to know in order to respond to legal documents we were served by the developer. It asked me to sign if I objected to westell developing the school. See the last we were told a deal was made and and Islamic society proudly purchased this school to expand. I was not going to object the redevelopment of a school. Had I been told this was no longer a school, I would have signed and formally objected on these legal documents. NO ONE told us this was no longer a school.

If you placed this design over many existing, and soon to be closed schools, it will work madically. With the new North East n.s. What will happen to hillcrest evelyn harrison northdale crippawa?? when you build the mega public school in summerside, what will happen to fairmont and tweedsmuir and glen cairn area ? if you placed this design over fairmount p.s. Traffic would have little effect on the neighborhood. Here it will destroy its liveability. Now is the time to stop this rezone, and let the readers step forward and start a conversation about an issue affecting every corner of this city. Schools are our alternate parks and sometimes the only green space for the community. As it is no green space is safe from this council. I would encourage you to put on your running shoes and see for yourself from all angles how important this space is to the integrity of our neighborhood. Development at that scale will not work. Like fitting a square peg in a round hole.