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Planning Committee
City of London

**Subject: Planning and Environment Committee Meeting
March 27, 2017
Zoning Amendment, Rembrandt Meadowlily Inc – Meadowlark Ridge**

As a long-time advocate for protection of London's Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs) I am distressed to learn about this proposal for residential development adjacent to Meadowlily Woods ESA.

I have reviewed the staff report for this agenda item. I note that the proposal has a history dating back more than a decade. During the intervening years, city policies for protection of natural heritage features have been strengthened. I urge members of the Planning and Environment Committee to keep these natural heritage policies foremost in your thinking as you consider this rezoning application. In particular, I ask you to require the developer to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, so that the best protection possible is provided to the natural features and ecological functions of Meadowlily Woods ESA.

The staff report outlines a number of conditions that would apply to the proposed rezoning. It is not clear to me what updated municipal requirements might be contemplated in paragraph (d). Would these include installation of fencing with no gates between residences and the Meadowlily Woods ESA? I understand that fencing of this sort has become a standard requirement for development adjacent to ESAs.

Meadowlily Woods ESA is one of London's treasures. Please ensure that this important part of London's natural heritage is not damaged by any development.

Yours truly,

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