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Subject: please add to agenda of Planning and Environment Committee Monday April 24, 2017

Re: Zoning Amendment 555 - 557 Ridout Street North London, Ontario

Dear Planning and Environment Committee Members,

These comments regarding the zoning amendment at 555-557 Ridout Street North are being submitted by the North Talbot Neighbourhood Association. This property falls within our neighbourhood boundary.

Over the years these properties have deteriorated significantly. Once beautiful mid-century homes, they are now poorly managed and stand out among the surrounding properties including Eldon House which is located one block away.

To approve this zoning amendment, we are requesting that the occupant, a real estate company, be directed to limit the number of parking spaces and restrict these parking spaces to the original side driveways and restore the integrity of the front yards.

We do not support rear parking because it requires a greater area of paved or gravel surface, and can potentially erode the back slope of the Thames River embankment through greater surface runoff and loss of green space.

It also offends new direction from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change to enact Low Impact Development by limiting runoff into waterways by reducing paved surfaces.

As a Neighbourhood Association we are dismayed by the actions of investment property owners who demonstrate a blunt disregard for the neighbourhood as a whole. This site, in particular, is located on a popular pedestrian route where visitors from across the city come to visit Eldon House and walk the trails along the Thames River.

We are asking that you support the efforts of the Neighbourhood Association to improve property standards in the area.

Sincerely,

North Talbot Neighbourhood Association

Eugene Ditrolio, President
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