

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING - Property located at 8076 Longwoods Road (Z-8735)
- *(Councillor Turner enquiring if the abattoir is in current operation and this amendment is being sought to bring it into compliance.); Ms. S. Wise, Planner II, responding that the abattoir is not in operation currently, there are livestock on site, which is not part of the permitted uses under the existing zone; this was triggered through enforcement approximately one year ago; this is a zoning amendment to legalize or to permit the livestock uses; (Councillor Turner clarifying that it had been, then there was an enforcement laid upon it and now it is to seek to be able to resume the operations, is that correct.); Ms. S. Wise, Planner II, responding that this is only for the livestock portion, the abattoir has never functioned on site.*
 - Richard Turpin, on behalf of the applicant – indicating that the abattoir facility is in line with The London Plan and is well represented here by members of the Muslim community; realizing that there have been some concerns about the flies and the odours; stating that once this becomes an abattoir, it will have to meet all the provincial and federal regulations, plans will have to be put in to affect and approved for pest control, odour control and livestock disposal; thinking that those concerns will be addressed once it is put into operation.
 - Ab Jabar, 1241 Beaverbrook Avenue – expressing support for this project; speaking on behalf of the large public here; indicating that they need this project to service their 30,000 Muslim community; reiterating that they are behind this project, that they will support this project and if there is anything that they can do to enhance this project, they are here to help; indicating that they have leaders from the Muslim community here, they have religious leaders here and they will speak to this project from a Muslim perspective; reiterating that if there is anything they can do, please let them know; stating that they know the owner of the property and he has a good track record, they have worked with him in the past, they know he will work with the community and he will obey the law.
 - Fateh Binder, 3 Golfview Crescent – thinking that the report is good, but it is mixed up with respect to the zoning; asking that the zoning be approved first and then talk about the regulations; stating that London needs this project; advising that he can drive all the way from here to Detroit to get halal food or he goes all the way from here to Toronto; asking, do we need this project in London, yes or no; we talk about different regulations and all of this comes second; expressing support for the zoning for this project because they are suffering; stating that he has been in London for twenty years; advising that they pay extra for their lamb because the shops in London have to go all the way to Toronto or Detroit to bring this food and they are always charged extra; noting that if the price per pound is five dollars, they have to pay seven dollars because of transportation; requesting that the zoning be separated, approve the zoning and then go to the next regulation because what he sees in the report is that they are mixed up, there are two things; indicating that if the zoning is not allowed to do this, the City gives the applicant another location to do his stuff to help Londoners; advising that he does not think that someone can oppose it, from the Councillors, they have to get support for the Muslim community.
 - Steve Saker, 7671 Longwoods Road – advising that he is diagonal to the subject property; enquiring about the application, is one for zoning and one for the abattoir, do both have to come as an acceptance at once or are they applying for two different splits; advising that the big problem there is that they are not doing things right; there have been dead carcasses all over the property, there are flies everywhere, there are animals running loose; indicating that if the Committee approves the application, with the zoning and the abattoir, the abattoir will regulate what is going on there; if you just approve the zoning, there is no one going to be there to regulate it; pointing out that they have already tried to have the City go out and regulate it now with the dead carcasses and no one has done anything; knowing that once the abattoir is there, they have stringent regulations and he knows that they will be forced to follow those rules; over and above that, this is in the City of London, there is a reason that it has an A-4 zoning, not allowing livestock, they have

put livestock in there and there is not supposed to be livestock in there; they have not taken them out, they have left them there the whole time but there are probably a lot better facilities for 30,000 Muslims looking to have a facility that is not inside the city boundaries in that zoning so close to all the other residential areas in the city; noting that it is only half a mile or a mile from the Urban Growth Boundary; indicating that he does not know where the calculation for distance separation comes from because the nearest property to him, with the amount of agriculture that they are going to put in their separation distance should be a lot further.

- Mohassen Hayek, 57 Ponderosa Crescent – expressing support for the business; noting that it is not just for the Muslim community as a lot of communities like how the halal meat is; stating that this is a new business and there are regulations; unsure if people have visited slaughterhouses or even livestock farms, he has visited a lot of them and if you obey the law then you are ok; believing, as has been previously stated, that the two of them should go together because they want to obey the law and they want that slaughterhouse to happen and the rezoning to happen.
- Rick Burt, 7638 Longwoods Road – indicating that his property is immediately to the south of the subject lands; expressing opposition to the rezoning; advising that one of the big issues that they have with this is Bill 190, Charter of Rights for the Human Rights Code; noting that it was introduced to expand an individual's rights and responsibilities when it comes to their property; reading Section 9, paragraph one, section one, "Every person has a right to own the real and personal property that he or she has acquired in accordance with law and, except to the extent provided by the law, to the peaceful enjoyment and free disposition of their property."; reading Section 9.2, "Every person has the moral responsibility to ensure that his or her real property is maintained to a presentable standard in keeping with such factors as the legal uses to which the property is put and the character of the community in which the property is located."; advising that this legislation is the backbone of what brings them here today; advising that he has been a resident of this neighbourhood for over thirty years; noting that he sold his previous property to the previous speaker; stating that, in thirty years, there has never been an issue with flies, there has never been an issue with odour; there is farmland all around and everyone gets along fine; pointing out that there is no one here, in this room, that is against meat production or against any religious issues, they are only here to protect their property values and the enjoyment of their own homes; stating that the City is allowing new homes to be built all in that neighbourhood which are big tax grabs and those people that live there are going to be subject to living next to an abattoir; not sure who would be willing to buy a house next to an abattoir, but he does not want to live next to one; knowing that it is going to drop in value, probably one hundred to one hundred fifty thousand of his property value which he does not think is fair; stating that they do not want to take this to the Human Rights Tribunal and he does not want to have to go to MPAC to get his property values reduced for tax purposes; noting that if all the neighbours do this, there will be a substantial impact to the community and the City for a tax loss; reiterating that he is not in favour of this application.
- Derek Hardman, 7650 Kilbourne Avenue – advising that he is not opposed to the Muslim community having access to halal meat; thinking that it is a great idea, that it is great for the community; thinking that there is a better location for it, this is not ideal for many of the reasons that Mr. R. Burt has stated; noting that he also lives just down the road and has been privy to what is currently taking place; believing that he does not have to comment on that as many have already and he does not know the ins and outs of an abattoir but, in terms of the impact on the immediate neighbourhood; knowing that he and others have bought and built their homes there, never anticipating that an abattoir would be built in their backyard, is very concerning; thinking that most people that are within a stone's throw from the residence would be the first to admit that, if they had known that an abattoir was going to exist there, no one would have bought and built in an expensive home in that area; stating that the idea of putting an abattoir there seems ridiculous as it is just not an ideal spot; thinking for the community, if it is, in fact, 30,000, which is fantastic, he thinks it is a great opportunity; thinking that there probably is a more ideal and practical spot to do this rather than trying to squeeze it in on two acres within an area that is being developed with families moving in; reiterating that it does not seem like an ideal location; thinking that they could probably agree on that, that it probably could be in a better

location, better suited to serve a large population; thinking that it is a great idea, the idea of the business, employment, the spinoff is fantastic, it is just not a practical place for this for a number of reasons, the by-product, the odour, the flies, the traffic, they have experienced it and it is detrimental; disappointing to think that if the abattoir was up and functioning, the impact long term, both short and long term, financially on the residents in the area, is going to greatly impact their homes and their value; advising that is critical, people plan their lifetime around where they purchase and where they hang their hat and to have something like this pop up in an area where, from what he understands, and it seems like all of their ducks are in a row, that this was really never intended to house livestock and to change that now is going to greatly impact the larger community; there are two different things happening; everyone is in agreement that the business is good for the community but he thinks we can all agree, too, that there is probably a more ideal location to do it than trying to squeeze it into a parcel that was never zoned or intended to be that in the first place; requesting that it be located elsewhere where it is more ideal, more practical and currently suited to do that, that would probably be a better option.

- Jaclyn Caranci, 7620 Longwoods Road – indicating that she is two properties to the right of the picture shown on the screen during the meeting; expressing opposition to the rezoning; advising that she and her husband just purchased the property last year in February, they tore down the current home that was there and rebuilt their forever home there and they plan to raise their family there; stating that when they were looking for a property, they were specifically looking for somewhere with some land to raise their children, they were searching for a while, something not too far outside of the city; they found the perfect piece of property that was not near anything, like an abattoir or livestock facility; advising that, if this was existing prior, they would not have purchased this property and she would not have built her home there; now she is in a predicament where a property owner wants to rezone; respecting that he wants to do this for the Muslim community; respecting all multicultural facets of London, religious purposes, etc; echoing what others have said, there is a better area to have this facility; indicating that when the gentleman purchased the property, he must have known that this was not zoned for his intended purpose and he may not have this passed if he were to take this to be rezoned for this particular purpose; understanding that it is his livelihood and it means a lot to him but he could have searched for a piece of property that was already zoned for this particular purpose; understanding that there is a large Muslim community that is supporting this and respecting that as well but asking how many of those Muslim community members are living adjacent to this property and experiencing the issues that they are experiencing with the odour and the flies because they are experiencing those negative impacts every day.
- Carl Medonca, 7564 Kilbourne Road – indicating that he came to Canada twenty years ago and being a new immigrant, one of the things that attracted him was the multiculturalism, he has friends from different faiths; depending on who is coming for dinner, he has halal food as well so he goes through the process of also having to pay the extra money but he has the advantage of living in a small town, yet a big town that he calls home, London; respecting having an abattoir in London but questioning the location; advising that they moved to Kilbourne Road approximately three years ago after having lived in London centre for approximately eighteen years; part of the move was to get away from the busyness; advising that he is not opposed to having an abattoir in London, thinking that the location is inappropriate; if the City has rules, from what he understands, commercial development, residential, with them being part of the residential, he thinks that it would be a good opportunity if the city would consider them as it affects them, the flies, the odour, all of that can be contained once we follow our wonderful laws that we have in Canada, but he thinks that his property value will plummet; advising that he would not have bought if he had known this was in the development and if this starts, what does he do with his three and a half acres, does he start something that is not appropriate; believing that is the question that we need to ask ourselves; indicating that it is not about religion, it is about doing the right thing.
- Bill Millar, Millar Berry Farm, 7375 Longwoods Road – indicating that his property surrounds the subject property; operating Millar Berry Farms; advising that their house is one kilometre down the road but their property extends; stating that he is quite familiar with the property as he used to own it, it was part of their package; expressing opposition

to the abattoir; indicating that it is inappropriate for the area; pointing out that one of the issues that he had last year, they have an open air market and they were inundated with flies last year; reiterating that they are one kilometre down the road; indicating that he cannot imagine how bad it was for the houses that were closer to that property; talking about keeping livestock there, where are they going to dispose of the manure, they do not have any land to spread it on; that is part of the package; if you have animals, you have to have enough land to distribute the manure but they do not have any, there is no arable land there; advising that the crops around the farm were being eaten up by the animals because there was no fencing and the animals were wandering and eating up all the crops; noting that he rented it out and his tenant lost a lot of his crop around that area from the animals grazing in it; advising that another issue that he has is that if they are going to be bringing livestock in and out, the driveway is on the inside of a curve and it is really tough to pull out of; he knows because he used to pull out with wagons of straw and he would hold his breath every time he would pull out of there because you do not have a good vantage point to see very far around the corner and the cars come pretty quickly down that road; pointing out that he is not talking about a city street, cars are going at highway speed and there are a lot of trucks; sometimes in the morning, when the sun is low, you cannot see very far at all; reiterating that it is very difficult to pull in and out of there with big trucks, cars are not really a problem because you can get out of there but if you are going to be pulling in there with a transport truck or pulling out loaded with livestock, he wishes you good luck, it is a very dangerous situation; advising that he does not think that the property is suitable for what is being asked; one pattern that he did notice is that those who seem to be supporting it do not live nearby but those who own property in the surrounding area really have an issue with this.

- Matt Millar, 7344 Longwoods Road – indicating that Mr. B. Millar said what he was going to say, that if you look at everyone who is in favour and everyone who is against, he thinks that you will find that everyone who is against the rezoning is in the immediate area and everyone who is in favour is somewhere else, far away; indicating that it is easy to vote to put a landfill in someone else's backyard on the other side of the city; in this case, they are the ones who are going to have to deal with it, everyone who is against the rezoning; stating that he lives one kilometre down the road and he can smell it in the morning sometimes; noting that it is not pleasant; they have people coming around the property and it just reeks; realizing that putting in the abattoir, they will have to follow regulations but they have been running this for how long now against the regulations so how can we trust them to follow all of the rules when they have not been.
- Mark Bulgin, 4316 Murray Road – expressing opposition for the application; indicating that they have been invaded by flies, you could not sit outside and enjoy a meal so you would not invite anyone over to have a meal, you would have to go inside because you would just be eating flies; stating that that property is not even big enough, the house is in the middle of it so there is no place for animals, there is no pen, it is all grass, there is no pasture, no place for the manure, the flies next door are atrocious, the animals are out; indicating that he has seen the dead animals there; expressing support for his neighbours comments, it is all true facts; noting that this is not the place to have an abattoir in their backyard; if you want to have an abattoir on a farm, go buy a farm.
- Ossam Feddoul, 8135 Longwoods Road – indicating that you can see his property on the bottom left of the screen; directly adjacent to the west; attesting to the horrid flies; stating that in the summer, in the warm months, they cannot go outside on their front porch, there is no enjoying their property with their small child; advising that they have had situations where his animals have wandered across the street onto their property, putting their dogs into a frenzy, putting them at risk, putting his family at risk; indicating that the property values are definitely going to take a hit in the area and this is not fair at all; challenging any one of the Councillors or anyone interested to pay attention to the traffic that is already coming in and out of that property; speculating that it is already operating as an abattoir; noting that he is not sure if it is allowed to be or not, the dead animals all over the property, the flies, the smells, the enjoyment of his property directly across the street is at jeopardy; hoping that Council, for this community's sake, consider not allowing the zoning to change.
- Mike Abualhayja, 8076 Longwoods Road, applicant – expressing appreciation to the public who have come out and expressed their opinions; talking about flies, those neighbours, with all respect, they do not know that across the street from his farm, there

is a chicken farm, one of the chicken farms in the area; as we know, with OMAFRA, a chicken farm produces more flies than anything else; people speaking to the value of the land, it is going to go down, and he does not know if they know that in Colonel Talbot, they do have a slaughter house; that abattoir is there and is existing there before, even before he talks about his project; in all of their area it is all farm area; he chose this farm because when he came and asked what kind of farm it was, the answer was agriculture; at that time he did not know what the meaning between the AG-1, the AG-2, the AG-3 and the AG-4 because he is not specialized; all he asked was is it agriculture and yes it is agriculture; there is a specific agriculture and those he would know; he saw a property with livestock barn, 50,000 square foot, with a house that was interesting to buy because he is a farmer; noting that he was born and raised on a farm and he came to this country to be a farmer; starting his business in halal meat for his community by using a different abattoir, and they are still using it; indicating that they are using two abattoirs because the first one does not have the capacity to give them enough days to slaughter their animals; reiterating that is why they picked a second abattoir; indicating that people do not know how much pain they have to move these animals from the auction to the abattoir, back to the second abattoir, back to the butcher and they are doing wholesale only; reiterating that they are just doing wholesale; advising that from the abattoir, it goes right to the butcher, that is their job and that is what they are doing; advising that, two years ago, on their holiday, they have to do a quorban and he has to go two and a half hours away from London to do the quorban, to slaughter those animals; advising that it took him three days, sleeping there with his guys here as witnesses; reiterating three days, sleeping there, every day to finish the quorban for his community; those nobody knows all the suffering they have to get the halal meat; pointing out that everyone goes to the butcher and they get the halal meat there; how what they did, how they are suffering through this, nobody knows; they only know; when he bought this property, because it is agriculture; stating that someone came to him and said he was not allowed to and he said that he was the one that came to the City and he filed his document and he said he needs an abattoir; advising that he was told he had to follow the zoning, he asked what he had to do; stating that he followed all of the regulations with the city step by step, everything they asked him to do, he did not reject anything they asked of him; reiterating that he did everything the City asked him to do; indicating that a previous speaker indicated that he did not have the space to store manure, all the manure is picked up from their farm and he has many inspections, they came from the City; noting that Animal Care came, Animal Control came, Environment came, and none of them could find one issue; commenting on the people talking about dead animals, if any of them can have living animals without any of them dead, he appreciates it because there always has to be a dead animal but when the Environment came and they get the report from the Environment, they see what kind of compost he is using, what kind of method he uses and they agree with him; advising that they did the inspection and they said he did perfect, that is the right method that he is doing; commenting on the flies, nobody can control the flies, nobody in the world can control the flies, that is by OMAFRA; advising that any abattoir will be under the regulation of OMAFRA; noting that everything will be inspected on a daily basis with the inspector being there; advising that when you have an abattoir, you are not allowed to do anything without the inspector being there, without the inspector standing there and getting their word from you and ask you what you have to follow; asking all of his neighbours that if there is something that he can do to help the situation, and make them feel better, he is willing to do; indicating that he has lived there for nine years and he has been doing farming there since then because he does not know the meaning of the zoning; reiterating that if there is anything that he can do to help, to help his neighbours enjoy their lives and he does not think that the abattoir is going to disagree with them or them having fun on their property because they are going to be under all the regulations by OMAFRA and CFIA; asking, as a family, as him and his two brothers, his dad and his mom living there, they are living off of this and they are just asking the Councillors to go ahead and approve this project; indicating that this project, at the beginning, will create about fifteen jobs and he is sure that most of the jobs are going to be from around the area, he is not going to get people from Toronto or Mississauga to come work for them, this will benefit everybody as a community, as London, as everybody living in the area is going to be a benefit for them.

- Wajid Altoum, 1002 Jalna Boulevard – noticing that, as a religious man among his community, it is very important in the Islam religion to eat halal meat; indicating that because there is not a facility in London they go to hide, they kill the animals in the farms around where there are no inspectors; advising that this carries a lot of disease, as you know; expressing support for this; noting that he is not a business man; supporting the idea to have, somehow, a halal slaughter house; advising that most people go to the United States, they spend money, gas, at the border, to go across to the United States to get this meat; asking the Committee to allow this project for these two points only, especially for the health.
- Sylvia Millar, 7375 Longwoods Road – advising that they have been farming this whole area for fifty years; stating that, as the applicant indicated that he wanted his farm to be a family farm, her farm has been a family farm for fifty years and she does not want anything to destroy her livelihood or her son's livelihood who is coming up behind them; advising that she has a fresh fruit and vegetable stand down the road and they had tons of flies last year and she had no idea why until some of the neighbours came and showed her pictures of these dead, rotting carcasses; requesting that the applicant promise her that these flies will go away and she will continue to carry on her livelihood too; noting that her parents-in-law started this business sixty years ago and she and her husband have been at it for forty years; noting that they would like their son to take over, if possible and they do not want anything to ruin their chances of continuing to make a living and providing jobs for the community; providing fresh fruits and vegetables for all of their customers; hoping that something can be done to protect them because their land is all around; noting that they grow strawberries there and she does not want them to be contaminated with maggots and flies; hoping that the Committee can see her point of view and help her to continue to do what she has been doing for the last forty years.
- Amer Ebjed, 123 Rose Hip Court – indicating that this has been presented as a project for the Muslim community but in his experience with the owner of the land, he has been very supportive; noting that he volunteers with a couple of organizations and the property owner has been very supportive of their organizations and their youth events; from a character perspective, they really enjoyed working with him and with his team; advising that they have seen nothing but very good manners, very good character; indicating that he is quite assured that if the property owner was to take on a project like this he would ensure that the environment and the neighbours are well protected; stating that he owns a number of restaurants and knows how very stringent the City inspectors are when it comes to health; expressing no doubt when it comes to this that if his application is approved that there will be proper inspection following the right path; pointing out that, if we were to go back to we are doing this for the Muslim community; reiterating that he really sees it as much more than the Muslim community, as part of their character and the applicant would ensure that his neighbours are very well taken care of because that is even more important in our Islamic religion that just a business transaction; indicating that he is quite assured, when it comes to flies that there are many reasons for that and that can be addressed, there are many ways to address all of that, odour is the same thing, there are several waste treatment and sewage treatment facilities, there are many ways to treat those; relating to the zoning, they have bought and so have their parents, have bought a lot of houses in London only to find out that three or four years later, a few towers have gone next to them in their backyard, devaluing their homes; thinking that sometimes the argument that my property being devalued is very important to all of us and he would hate for this to happen to any of them but it has been happening quite a bit and he thinks that it is one of the things that they have to accept in a city that is growing, that is developing, that is creating jobs, that is bringing more people and growing the economy, this is going to happen no matter what; watching his parents build over a half a million dollar house and a few years later three towers came into their backyard; noting that these are sixteen to eighteen storey towers; stating that these things happen and he thinks that if it is done properly, and the City is very good with their urban design and making sure that things are properly done, they look good and he has no doubt that, in his last ten years' experience in this city that this will be done properly rather than we let it happen the way it is now.
- Habib, Wonderland Road South – advising that he is a newcomer; indicating that he is unable to buy halal meat from the store as it is too expensive for him; stating that not just Muslims but everyone buys halal meat; hoping this project is successful.

- Arlene Watson, 4316 Murray Road – indicating that she lives up the road from the chicken farm that was referred to earlier in the meeting; stating that they have lived there for sixteen years and last summer was the first summer that they could not use their backyard; reiterating that they could not sit outside; indicating that they have never had flies from the chicken farm, it was the piles of manure and the dead animals of which she saw from pictures from neighbours; advising that she does not have trouble with halal meat or an abattoir but it is ruining their quality of living as they cannot enjoy the expensive properties that they own; reiterating that they cannot go out of their houses in the summer.
- Dave Graham, 4335 Murray Road – indicating that if the picture shown during the meeting was a little bit deeper, they live directly across from the subject property at the corner of Longwoods Road and Murray Road; expressing opposition to this application, like all of his neighbours do, for all of the reasons that his neighbours do; following up on that particular stretch of Longwoods Road, the speed of the traffic, the curve; believing that the speed limit is 80 km/h but he is not sure that anyone drives 80 km/h along there; pointing out that there is a lot of traffic that turns onto Murray Road from Longwoods Road as it is a main corridor; noting that there are Oneida and Chippewa Reserves in the area; indicating that if you have cars that are turning onto Murray Road and then you start having transport trucks, or some sort of shipping trucks, in and out of this property, it is dangerous; stating that that particular stretch of road that is shown on the photograph will be a disaster if there is a business across the street; touching on the fact that there has been a lot of talk about the expense of meat; thinking that meat is expensive for everyone no matter what kind you are getting; thinking that there has been a lot of talk about how much back and forth and how much effort there has been for them to get the products that they want; thinking that there is a lot of effort for all of us; indicating that we all work hard, all of his neighbours in that area worked hard to get where they are to be able to afford those properties and they want to be able to enjoy them; indicating that is not going to happen if this goes through.
- 1201 Southdale Road East – indicating that as a Muslim youth he feels that he has to come up to speak because there are a lot of people here that support this but, as the Committee saw, someone came up who did not speak good English, and they have to sit there with their mouths closed because they do not want to embarrass themselves; advising that as a family friend of Mike, the applicant, and his Dad, who is Muslim, as long as he can remember and he has lived here all his life, has always bought halal meat; expressing sadness to see his Dad have to go away from that because the halal meat is too much, he would rather go to FreshCo to buy a normal brand meat where it is cheaper for him; thinking that a lot of people that are coming up here to object to the situation are talking about the past, stuff that has happened and like everyone has said, this has not been regulated; advising that the applicant is not coming up here saying let me do this but do not care about it, just let it go, he is coming up here to say that he is going to follow the regulations, everything is going to happen, there is going to be an inspector on site; indicating that people are complaining about the manure and the flies and he has been on the property, he has had bbq's outside the property; noting that he is not calling anyone a liar, he is not here to throw shade at anybody but it has not been that bad; reiterating that he has eaten on the property; people are saying that the flies are bombarding them and the flies were not bombarding him while he was there and he does not see why it is a big issue for them across the street; speaking to the comments that pulling out of the property is dangerous, he has pulled out of the property plenty of times and not once has he had an issue even close to a car crash or anything fatal; speaking to people not driving the speed limit, that is not something that the applicant should take the blame for; the truck drivers are trained truck drivers, they obviously know how to drive their trucks, they are not just random people driving; talking about manure, the applicant has advised that it is going to be transported, it is not going to be spread around and the flies will not be there; indicating that he has never seen a dead carcass there; comments have been made about inspectors and fire fighters coming to the property, animal control has come and if they have not found an issue enough to bring it to a bigger issue to the Committee as the City of London, they work for the City, they are trained and paid for, the City is the one that licenses them, so if they do not have a problem he does not know why everyone else does; indicating that this is a great opportunity for the Muslim community; thinking that this is a great business for halal as well as a great business proposal; believing that it has to

be regulated; realizing that the Committee will not just let it go, they have their set laws and set regulations on it; noting that he feels that is very important; reiterating that it is a great opportunity, that it will help a lot of people especially with the new refugees coming here, they will look for halal meat because that is all they know back home and for them to come here and find a short abundance on it and they live on a certain amount of money per month; noting that they do not have a lot of money to spend; when they come and they find that the halal meat is too expensive, they might drift away from their culture, their religion, which is an issue; here in Canada we are big on multiculturalism and that is why we have allowed so many people to come here and we support that, we see that as a benefit and we, as Canadians, are always bragging about our multiculturalism; this is something that is important to us just like this is important to the City of London Muslim community; *(Councillor Park indicating that if anyone here has an accent or feel embarrassed, there is no judgment from any member of this Committee or from any representative from The Corporation of the City of London; we are here to hear from everyone so please feel safe, this is an inclusive environment).*

- John Welbourn, 7645 Kilbourne Road – advising that himself and approximately half a dozen of his neighbours are at the far corner of the bend that the property is on; advising that he is listening, he is trying to understand; knowing what the impact is on him and his property and he is trying to understand all of the issues; indicating that he sees and he has heard that there are three vested interests that are being presented tonight; clearly there is a large group of vested interests that are saying, as he understands and accepts and feels for, and that is that it is too far to drive to get what they need in a dietary sense, they need something closer to London; understanding that, he got that message; advising that the only question that is left in his mind is, is this the location, the best location to achieve that; the second vested interest that he has heard is the individual who owns the property currently and wishes to change the zoning by-law so that he can develop the property the way he wishes to develop it as a business; the third vested interest is himself and his neighbours, some of whom have already spoken and that vested interest is coming from a group of people that invested in their property at a time when the by-laws and the zoning was such that they saw it as a reasonable thing to do, invest your money in that property, build your home and enjoy your life; suggesting that the effect of changing the Zoning By-law at this time to allow this change in use of the property would affect most profoundly this third group; stating that they live there, they do not drive to get there, they are there; the first problem for the vested interest of the large group can be solved in another way, simply find a property that is better suited to this purpose; that, at the same time, would solve the issue for the second vested interest and in doing so it obviously would solve the vested interest for the third group, of which he is part.