Hi Councillor Anna,

As per our phone conversation, we received an invitation to attend the planning meeting on Monday July 17, 2017 concerning the above subject matter.

As stated earlier, while we are not against competition by any means, we believe is it important to bring to the public and the council attention that a misleading information was used in the public meeting about this matter on May 23 stating that the nearest halal meat plant is 2 hours away from London.

The fact is Parkhill Meats is a fully certified halal meat plant with a high production capacity that is only 30 minutes away north of London (at 3900 Elginfield Rd, Parkhill just west of Ailsa Craig) supplying whole sale local halal meat to the halal meat shops and restaurants in London and surrounding areas as well as the halal end consumers with their retail orders.

Please refer to the following articles covering our operations and services

http://www.lfpress.com/2016/06/12/and-you-are-yaser-al-qayem-owner-of-parkhill-meats

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/demand-for-halal-meat-rising-in-ontario-1.4152245

I authorize you to make this comment available to the council as well as to the public.

**Beast Regards** 

Thank you Yaser