

Please post this document as public feedback & input for the City of London Planning & Environmental Committee meeting July 31- 2017 and follow on meetings with full City Council and provide confirmation.

### **Key Feedback**

This initiative and the supporting Planning Document can be best described as a " Quarter Back Sneak Play " in that the City of London Planning is recommending detailed changes to an existing By - Law governing Group Homes and their current respective setback or minimum separation distances ( Group Home Type 1 ) before & without the the support of a full public input meeting where the people can review a full integrated London Planning & Civic Policy , Procedure , Impact / Risk Assessment our Budgeted funding plan for Group Homes . Why are way down in the " weeds " with this amendment when no one knows what the full plan & the garden even looks like ?

### **Supporting Facts**

Both Lou Pompilii and I agreed on two things in his response call for clarification on this amendment July 19/ 2017; ( we disagreed on many )

- That there has never been any public consultation meetings on this specific proposed change / amendment to this By Law . This planning document was only released for Public review - COB - Wednesday July 26/17. There have been no public input meetings on the broader planning , implementation & funding requirements for London Group Homes
- That to **both** of our knowledge , there is currently no specific broader based London Plan for Group Homes and therefore no public consultation at that required top level. Quick searches of London Approved 4 year budget documents & London Strategic Plan provide **nothing** on Group Homes. Lou agreed that it is an exception to amend a document at this detailed level without an eye for the full plan.

### **Recommendation**

That the Planning & Environment Committee take a pass on this amendment at this time while strongly supporting other committee's in a joint requirement to provide a broader based London Plan on Group homes for review and full public consultation.

### **Rationale** ( at this point only )

- The public has been denied the normal process of consultation and input on this amendment and it's potential impact on their property rights ( other than special interest groups )
- The public has little or no knowledge of any broader plan for London Group homes other that what they shouldn't be ( recent court case ) .

- Who exactly are these " trusted partners " operating approved Group Home Type 1's and what are their respective track records to justify the removal of the 250 meter separation distance?
- What is the funding and the Budget Plan for Group homes in London and what is the City of London's share ( This will be huge - not in the Budget Plan now ) .
- Are the same " trusted partners " that are looking for funding from the City of London for Group Homes likely to proceed with legal action knowing the bigger plan is coming and in motion ?
- How is a Group Home with a CEO , Board of Directors and an on-site Supervisor really that different from a business such as a Legal / Dental/ Doctor or Real Estate business to justify the removal of this separation distance or even a minor variance application ?
- Page 3 of this Planning Document also indicates staff may consider changes to the definitions of Group Home Types without full public consultation , just another amendment. That's not exactly anymore transparent than this proposed amendment.

Please consider the above and lets get the whole picture in front of the public before we approve this " in the weeds " planning amendment.

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