

would like this submission to be part of the public record.

Council,

Unless I am misreading the situation, it seems that you are dead set on moving forward with the zoning change at 8076 Longwoods Road in spite of EVERYONE in the area (save for the applicant) being fully against this action, as well as over 1100 others who signed a petition, of which over 250 are Londoners. None of our arguments seem to hold any water.

If nothing else, please consider this. We keep hearing over and over that all of the problems at 8076 Longwoods Road will go away as soon as this zoning change is implemented and more regulations come into play. But here is a quote from OMAFRA in the planning staff's own report:

"We do not oversee any aspect of the livestock operations. The plants that have livestock bring their animals from the farm's pens, to the abattoir's holding pens for slaughter. Our oversight begins when the animals enter the plant premises."

The livestock operation is what has been generating all of the problems thus far. If you allow this, something **MUST** be done to ensure that the livestock operation is kept in check. OMAFRA has plainly stated that they are not going to involve themselves with it. And we have all seen that city bylaws are impotent in this regard.

If you are going to approve this zoning change, you must make it (and the livestock operation) contingent upon having a fully certified, functioning, and compliant abattoir on the premises. I believe this is the direction in which Councillor Turner was heading. Without this, the applicant can simply scrap his plans for an abattoir and ramp up his livestock operation with no oversight, thus leaving us with no recourse. An absolute nightmare scenario!

Please, as the ones who are going to have to live with the consequences of your decision, we beg you, do not leave us at the mercy of someone who has in the past and still does continue to demonstrate absolute contempt of the law! You must put safeguards in place, such as the one I've mentioned. Without them, I fear the results will be nothing short of disastrous.

Obviously, our preferred solution would be for the City of London to keep the current zoning, which is ideal for 8076 Longwoods Road, and enforce the law as is. But if that's too much to ask, then please consider this request!

If you must allow the zoning change, do not allow it to take effect before a fully compliant abattoir is set up and ready to go!

Sincerely,

Matt Millar