

Mayor M. Brown.
City of London
300 Dufferin Ave.
London ON

July 18th, 2017

Dear Mayor Brown and Members of Council,

Re: The proposal to give heritage designation to three significant historic barns on Sunningdale Road.

Last evening a majority of PEC members voted to designate the three historic barns on Sunningdale Road. The motion to include the largest barn, despite that fact that the roof has been partly removed, was supported by Kyle Gonyou, the Heritage Planner, and gives one hope that the roof could be restored and the building re-purposed.

As Councillor Cassidy pointed out, the rural landscape around London is fast disappearing and it is encouraging that PEC sees fit to encourage preservation of these reminders of our area's history and development. As designated properties, it is more likely these buildings can now be preserved, but, if the owner so wishes, he may still seek approval to demolish.

It is my personal hope that Mr. Segaudis, well known to me to be a sensitive and thoughtful developer, will be encouraged to retain all three barns and find exciting new uses for them within his new subdivision. Community Centre? Market or retail building? Day care/Senior's Centre? Tech hub on the edge of town for those who do not want to go downtown to work? There are so many potential uses out there that one has "great expectations"! It is also to be hoped that the traffic department's staff will find a creative way to redesign the road system to allow the large barn to be retained. As of now this street plan is only on paper (or in a computer folder) so it should be possible to alter the design at the stroke of a pen or mouse.

I do urge all members of council to support the designations of **all three barns**, appreciating that this does not, despite what some people may think, greatly restrict what the owner can do with them in the future

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,

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