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London City Councillors

RE: Z-8735: 8076 Longwoods Road Zoning Application

We are newly engaged in this application due to the lack of notification regarding this rezoning, and can only speak to what we currently know.

- We have an influx of flies.
- We were not notified of this rezoning request
 - We live 3 properties to the east of the rezoning applicant and yet did not receive any notification from the city. The process to send notifications to properties only within 120 metres is a broken one that does not adequately notify affected properties in an area that is zoned for agriculture. Notifications through a publication called the Londoner, which is not delivered to us, also failed.
- There are Halal slaughter services and meat products available in the London Area
 - If customers are driving to places outside of greater London it is because they choose to, and not because they have too. There are numerous Halal slaughter services in the area that currently provide this service. The closest being Mt. Brydges Abattoir just 9minutes or 10.8 kms past this address. Others are listed on the Ministry of Agriculture website. Halal prepared meats are readily available in local grocery stores.
- The Longwoods Road curve is dangerous
 - We live beside it, and over the 34 years at this address we have witnessed a number of car accidents and assisted those injured and stranded. The accidents have occurred coming into the curve, where we are located at 7621, where Murray/Sharon road meets Longwoods Road, and exiting the curve where 8076 is located. This is a dangerous curve/intersection that gets busier each year. At our address, traffic that must slow for us turning into our driveway is often surprised. We are always conscious and aware of being rear ended and have had many near misses. The 8076 Longwoods driveway is much worse as it is not clearly visible from either east or west directions.

In conclusion, we are not aware of London having any experience or expertise when it comes to abattoir operations. If this is approved and the operations continue to be mismanaged what will be the city's obligation to this community, which has made them adequately aware of the issues with this application? The city is aware that the existing business operates illegally, has known infractions, such as carcasses left on the property, and yet it is still being considered for this rezoning application. We all know that giving further privilege and responsibility to an irresponsible operation begets further problems and will only make it even more complicated and difficult to resolve, and at the same time adversely impact this community and our property values.

An abattoir and the other operations possible with this rezoning do not fit within this community. We request that London City Council ensure they give serious consideration to the damage that will be done to this community and area of London if this rezoning is approved. We request that this letter be added to the public record.

Sincerely

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