

August 30, 2017

Re: 330 Thames Street Re-zoning Amendment Application

Dear Councillor

I attended the Planning Committee Meeting Tuesday August 28, 2017 during which the above re-zoning application was voted on and approved by all but Councillor Hopkins. This matter was not heard until after midnight and was given short shrift by the committee members despite the opposition articulated by numerous speakers in the public gallery.

Admittedly the speakers were all residents of the 19 King Street condominium that is directly behind where the TRICAR building will be situated on York Street. But before you jump to the conclusion that this is purely a matter of NIMBYism I can assure you that for most of the 19 King Street residents it is a much bigger issue.

Essentially it is a balancing issue, that being **adhering to the official plan's call for growth to be inward and upward while simultaneously preserving green space for public use**. As city density increases the need for green space and parkland increases. They are the "backyards" for apartment and condominium dwellers in particular and for all citizens in general. This balance was either ignored or not understood by the committee except for Councillor Hopkins.

Our residents understand that the TRICAR building will be built. We are not opposing that. What we do oppose is the developer's desire to be allowed to encroach on green space with mature trees that is referred to in the city plan as Ivey Park and is used by the general public.

Mr. Fleming insinuated that because 19 King's parking garage is part of the green space it has already been encroached upon. What committee members didn't hear is that the parking is underground and covered with grass that is cut by the City. Anyone has access to and the use of all green space at 330 Thames.

Other options are available to the developer to increase their unit density without encroaching on park land or green space. Urban density vs green space and parkland should not be competing interests.

No compelling reasons exist for allowing this re-zoning amendment. To allow it sets a dangerous precedent which would negatively affect the citizens of London.

I urge you to vote against this amendment, referred to at the committee meeting as Option 1.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Yours very truly

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