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RE: ZONING AMENDMENT: 2-8808  
653 TALBOT ST.

DEAR MEMBERS OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE,

THE ~~A~~ PRESSING ISSUE REGARDING THIS  
PROPOSAL IS THE REQUEST TO DEMOLISH  
THE PORTION OF THIS HERITAGE HOUSE  
OVER THE GARAGE TO WAY ~~WE~~ FOR A  
DRIVE THROUGH FOR REAR PARKING AND  
THE POSSIBILITY OF REMOVAL OF THE  
FRONT WALL (FOR A CURVED FRONT  
DRIVEWAY).

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO DEMOLISH ANY  
PORTION OF THE HOUSE TO ACCOMMODATE  
REAR PARKING AS VEHICLES CAN EASILY  
DRIVE THROUGH THE EXISTING DOUBLE  
GARAGE TO THE REAR.

ANY REMOVAL OF THE GARAGE BACK WALL  
CAN BE STRUCTURALLY SUPPORTED.

LAST YEAR, THE PREVIOUS OWNER REMOVED

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A MATURE FRONT YARD TREE TO ACCOMMODATED A 'COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT' APPROVAL FOR AN EXPANDED FRONT YARD PARKING AREA.

TODAY THE NEW OWNERS WILL LIKELY REQUEST ~~A~~ THE REMOVAL OF A MATURE TREE IN THE REAR TO ACCOMMODATE REAR PARKING LEAVING FEW IF ANY MATURE TREES ON SITE.

THE 'STATELY' QUALITY OF THIS PROPERTY IS PART OF ITS HERITAGE AND THE HERITAGE OF TALBOT ST.

THIS ZONING AMENDMENT SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED IF IT CANNOT PRESERVE THE QUALITY OF THIS PROPERTY AND TALBOT ST. THIS INCLUDES THE THAMES RIVER VALLEYLANDS.

I ENCOURAGE <sup>YOU</sup> TO PLEASE REVIEW IF REAR PARKING IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE THAMES RIVER VALLEYLAND ESPECIALLY WHEN THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT APPROVED ~~A~~ AN EXPANDED FRONT PARKING

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AREA ONLY A YEAR AGO SHIELDED BY THE EXISTING FRONT WALL, THEREFORE MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF THE PROPERTY ORIGINAL DESIGN.

THE LAST THING <sup>THIS</sup> NEIGHBOURHOOD NEEDS IS THE LOSS OF GREEN (PRIVATE OR PUBLIC) <sup>SPACE</sup> AND MATURE TREES.

THE THAMES RIVER VALLEY <sup>AND</sup> MUST BE SUPPORTED BEYOND ITS EMBANKMENT TO ENSURE IT CONTINUES TO FUNCTION AS A TRUE ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM.

IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE, THIS MUST INCLUDE PRESERVING PRIVATE GREEN SPACE.

SINCERELY,

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