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Subject: Safe Injection Proposal

Dear Mayor Matt Brown;

Counsel Members and City Clerk

I am writing you today to express my opinion regarding a safe injection site proposed for 446 York Street.

I oppose this location. I do not oppose a safe injection site plan.

As you are aware, the Beal Secondary School is less than 300 feet west of the 446 York Street proposed location. The Beal high school has a meth clinic already located in the front of the school and to add a safe injection site less than a 10 second walk away from the high school is unacceptable. The students have to leave school property to smoke and will witness the day to day activity at this proposed location just as they do at the Meth clinic. The Childreach Early Education center is located 1 city block south of this location and CCH Secondary is 2 blocks north of 446 York Street.

I understand the City of London's official plan has by-laws in place to prevent such services being in proximity to public education centers. The Federal government application also stated that a safe injection site requires certain criteria to be followed before any funding can be provided. Our Federal government expressed the injection site has to be away from any commercial areas that can cause conflict with those leaving an injection site and separate from elementary or secondary school properties. 300 feet from Beal Secondary School is a direct conflict with the city by-law and the guidelines applied by our Federal government. The injection site must also be discrete allowing reasonable privacy to those using the facility. Having the location on a major artery of London where 20,000 plus cars pass by every day is not discrete.

I understand the economics and logic behind having a supervised spot for people to consume illegal drugs. I can not comprehend why you have a proposed site in an area that contradicts the cities official plan and the guidelines our government suggests are required.

Before you approve this possible location, please proceed with the proper process of zoning so local residences and businesses have an opportunity to be heard, and do your legal duty to make sure all guidelines are followed regarding zoning.

Dr. Mackie has provided yourselves with info and stats regarding the temp injection site that already operates in London for the last 2 months. Please note what other cities in Ontario have experienced since similar sites have been opened. I also attached literature providing the position Ontario Police leaders have expressed. Do not base your opinions on one man's opinion but what other communities are experiencing.

Attached is some information and a petition that local businesses and employees have signed just in the last 3 days. More signatures will follow.

Kind regards

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<http://toronto.citynews.ca/2017/11/09/needles-dirty-streets-crowds-yonge-bia-dealing-fallout-supervised-safe-injection-site/>

<https://www.therecord.com/news-story/7998778-residents-voice-concerns-on-supervised-injection-sites/>

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