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Members of Planning & Environment Committee (PEC) via email:

Councillor Stephen Turner (Chair)
Councillor Anna Hopkins
Councillor Jesse Helmer
Councillor Maureen Cassidy
Councillor Tanya Park

Members of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH)
through the LACH Committee Secretary

Re: Demolition Request for 172 Central Avenue

Dear Councillors:

Further to my letter of July 2, I wish to inform PEC members that ACO London has begun the process of obtaining a second engineering opinion regarding the structural condition of 172 Central Avenue. We have done this through our provincial body's Preservation Works programme, requesting a visit by a structural engineer to the property to comment or peer review the report undertaken by Santarelli Engineering Services.

Preservation Works relies on volunteer professionals to undertake its projects. The advice offered is preliminary in nature and based on visual observation only. ACO Provincial will be endeavouring to find an engineer in the London area experienced in working with heritage properties to undertake such a review. Professional opinions vary on the course of action to be taken when a building is experiencing structural issues and a second opinion about 172 Central may offer a different approach to the proposed demolition.

This process may take a week or two and we will also need to obtain permission for the PreservationWorks expert to access the building and view the Santarelli report. ACO London therefore respectfully asks PEC to delay decision regarding demolition of 172 Central Avenue until a second opinion on its condition can be received.

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