

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

### 3.5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Application – 2427 Daisy Bend and 3025 Doyle (39CD-18509)

- Lindsay Clark, Sifton Properties – expressing support for the staff recommendation.
- Gary Simm, 1764 Hamilton Road – indicating that he lives directly across from the Sifton Properties site; advising that his family has lived there since the 1940's and live in one of the original homes that is on that road; providing some history of the area; it was annexed by the City of London in 1993 and from then until now it has largely remained untouched; indicating that even after the building, the subdivisions that have gone in, it will still largely be a rural area; advising that many of the homes are large properties, large parcels with open yards; realizing that change is happening; stating that the subdivision is going to be across from them, the picturesque view that they had will not necessarily remain the same; expressing disagreement with Mr. L. Mottram, Senior Planner, in regards to the three complaints or the three questions that were e-mailed; indicating that he talked to many of the neighbours, seeing the e-mails that were sent off; advising that many of them have concerns about the fact that there would be townhomes going in directly across from them; pointing out that if you were to go over White's bridge coming from in town out towards their area, you would see that it is a sleepy country neighbourhood and he is not saying that the subdivision does not fit with the neighbourhood but the townhomes at the roadway are not in keeping with what is there; the wrought iron fence, as Mr. L. Mottram, Senior Planner, had brought up, is something that a lot of us have large concerns over; our big thing would be that the condominium board has agreed to be in agreement to say that we are going to maintain this wrought iron but all you have to do is go up to Commissioners Road between Wharnccliffe Road and Wellington Road and look at the wrought iron that is along there; noting that some of those homes are million dollar homes that they are not maintained and who is to say that what looks disheveled, is that going to be taken care of five years down the line, will the condo board have enough money to take care of that; from a privacy standpoint, a lot of us neighbours have said that if you go up the road on Commissioners Road to frankly a lower end neighbourhood than what we have where we are, would be a stone wall; noting that they have that running right across the face of their subdivision, if you will; advising that there are stone pillars and then right out at the boulevard or the walkway/sidewalks, they have trees planted there; suggesting that a stone wall would go along that area and perhaps a tree that would not shed, something like a Blue Spruce because it is a high speed road and in the Fall you do not want leaves on the road; noting that, in the Fall, everyone knows that you have to watch out for that; proposing that the City of London and Sifton Properties could work with the neighbours in his area and put out a memo or a plan that basically says that we have three or four designs within reason, within cost and send that to everybody along their street and ask the residents to vote on it and pick which one they think is best because they are left with whatever they decide at this point and a lot of people, regardless of this project, have been very unhappy with the communication that has gone on between Sifton Properties, Tridon and the City with a lot of this; advising that, for this meeting tonight, many of the neighbours did not even know that it was going on; indicating that he has had talks with the City and there is a one hundred twenty metre affected area where memos go out and that is one of the other things that he would request this evening, whatever the results of this meeting are; advising that he has a piece of paperwork that has all of his neighbours addresses if he could give that to Mr. L. Mottram, Senior Planner, or whoever would be best, if someone could please send out by mail what the results of this meeting are and keep everybody up-to-date with what is going on with this Sifton development; reiterating that a lot of the neighbours feel that a

stone wall would be best in keeping with what is in the neighbourhood; indicating that a lot of the area residents also feel that the townhomes should not be there in the first place; indicating that if you were to drive out here and if anybody from the Council would like to come out he would give them the grand tour, it is not in keeping with the neighbourhood; understanding that, in Canada, we do not have ghettos but they should have been put at the back of the subdivision; speaking for most of his neighbours, they would agree with that; stating that, even if that cannot be done at this point, a wall or some trees along the way would be a lot better; pointing out that one of his other neighbours raised issues about the wrought iron fencing causing drifts and things like that that he knows about further down, one of the other homes was built in the 1960's and if you have not been there, on our street, for thirty years, you are new; a lot of us neighbours have grown up in the country and have been used to what has gone on on that street and it is a big change for a lot of them to accept but the big thing is communication and getting what their opinion is out to members of the City and Sifton Properties and they were told that the wrought iron was going to be the plan and they are not happy about it; asking that the staff keep everyone, it does not matter what end of the street you live on; reiterating that he would like to provide someone with the piece of paper that has everyone's address, even if they are outside the one hundred twenty metre zone, that they get that and that they have input and a vote as to what that will be within reason; realizing that you cannot ask for the moon; *(Councillor S. Turner advising that he is going to cut him off because he is well past his five minutes.)*; the road that is tied into Oriole Drive, they put that in in 2017 and they did not notify any of the neighbours along that way, they put a blind hill down and it has had a negative effect and it will have a permanent negative effect on their properties; advising that he will not get into why, but they will be having discussions with the City, all of our neighbours and other impacts but that is one of the things, again, nobody knew about, it just happened, people came, saw cut our driveways and now will permanently have a negative effect and if you need evidence to that fact, he can give you three neighbours as well as the addresses and numbers that would go along with that and that is for down the road; *(Councillor Turner indicating that that is not related.)*; realizing that, but he is echoing the general sentiment of the neighbourhood and it does not tie in with what is in the neighbourhood; *(Councillor S. Turner advising that he is going to cut him off because he is well past his five minutes.)*; see attached map.

- Clara Simm - advising that she owns the property in the middle right across from this; mentioning wrought iron gate; asking people to imagine, she does not think that there is anybody in here that would be sitting out on their front yard, she has a beautiful porch and other people in the area do too and she is going to be staring at at least fifteen townhomes and they are going to be staring at her; advising that she does not see why you cannot put a stone wall there like they have done at Summerside and a lot of other places other than Sifton does not want to pay the cost; reiterating that she would like the Committee to think of that, if you sit on your front porch, if you have one, are you going to be looking at fifteen townhouses and they are going to be looking at you, it would be nice to have a stone wall for privacy there.