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Dear Ms. Campbell:

**Re: Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application – 537 Crestwood Drive  
File Z-8915  
Public Participation Meeting Scheduled for October 29th**

I am writing in follow-up to our letter of June 25<sup>th</sup> regarding our support for the zoning by-law amendment application – 537 Crestwood Drive (File Z-8915) made by Star Homes Ltd. To the City of London.

As indicated previously we live in Unit 1 at 537 Crestwood Drive and this morning I had the opportunity to review the Report to Planning and Environment Committee prepared by Mr. Fleming of the City Planning Department that was posted on the city's website in preparation for the Public Participation Meeting scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend in person due to a medical appointment at St Joseph's Hospital that has been scheduled since last May.

Our review of these materials clarified the City's recommendation but raised some questions that I would ask you to raise at the public participation meeting on our behalf; specifically, as follows:

- 1) In the information provided by Lafarge Canada they indicate that they are planning to extract additional material from the section of the quarry adjacent to pit wall that abuts the properties at 537 Crestwood Drive. The material also suggests that before these zoning constraints can be addressed that additional studies should be carried out regarding erosion control and geotechnical slope stability. Obviously further extraction of material from the foot of this pit wall can only adversely impact future slope stability and potential for erosion. Yet the City is moving forward with an environmental assessment of the Commissioners Road West re-alignment. How can you complete an environmental assessment of any re-alignment option along this slope of the quarry without these issues or slope stability and erosion control addressed? Do you not need to have these studies and the full rehabilitation/reclamation plan for this portion of the quarry complete before you can assess the potential environmental impact of re-aligning Commissioners Road along this slope? How are you addressing these concerns in your EA? Do you have a timeline for when Lafarge Canada will complete these studies? Without these issues being addressed are you not wasting money on proceeding with the EA?
- 2) When we purchased our home in 2016 we were never made aware of these constraints on the property. We have never had any contact from Lafarge Canada advising us of any activities that could impact not only our home but our one third interest in the common driveway that goes

right up to the western boundary of the quarry. I need to be clear we moved in fully aware of the presence of the quarry and we have had no issues with noise or dust from Lafarge Canada's ongoing operations. They seem to operate in a professional manner. Prior to retirement I spent a long career as a mining engineer working for some of Canada's largest mining companies and associated engineering consulting companies. I spent the last 10 years of my career in mining reclamation planning and environmental assessment and understand geotechnical slope stability and erosion control issues. I also understand the value of mining companies doing public outreach when it comes to reclamation planning and this seems to be missing here. We have never heard anything from Lafarge Canada regarding slope stability, erosion control, reclamation/rehabilitation planning and now we hear that there may be slope stability and erosion control issues that could impact our continued safe use of the common driveway to our home. Is there really an issue with slope stability or are these constraints put forward in an abundance of caution? Are we safe in our home? Is there really a potential stability issue or are both Lafarge Canada and the City acting to manage future potential liability. If so we were never made aware of these risks before purchasing our home and its third interest in the common land condominium plan that contains our driveway.

In our opinion you (meaning both the City and Lafarge Canada) owe the gentleman who wants to build his retirement home on this lot a timeline on when these outstanding issues (reclamation/rehabilitation planning including slope stability assessment and erosion control measures) will be completed so that these zoning constraints can be removed or need to be permanently put in place. It is very unfair to leave him hanging forever. This is a real person who wants to build his retirement home for him and his family to occupy and enjoy. He also wants safety for his family but don't just leave him hanging by deferring a decision without some clear timeline of when these constraints can be addressed. Remember human lives are involved.

We hope that you will think on our concerns and can provide us with some answers. We would also ask that we be kept informed on the status of the Commissioners Road West re-alignment EA as it proceeds. We would also ask Canada Lafarge to keep its neighbors informed of activities that could impact their neighbors. I am not complaining about their activities, but outreach goes a long way to keeping good relations with your neighbors.

Thank you for keeping us informed and commend you on the ease of access through the City website. Our contact information is as follows:

Regards

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Sent by email

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