

September 17, 2012

The City of London
Planning Division
300 Dufferin Avenue
P. O. Box 5035
London, ON N6A 4L9
Attention: Ethan Ling

Dear Mr. Ling,



RE: File Z-8075 - Application for Amendment of Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw - 260 Sarnia Road

This letter is to advise that the University of Western Ontario is in receipt of the Notice of Public Hearing related to the above-referenced matter. The University, as an adjacent landowner, would like to express objection to the increase in residential density of the proposed development at 260 Sarnia Road.

As you are aware, the University has not objected to the construction by various developers of housing primarily intended to accommodate upper year University students. Indeed, we favour the creation of good quality accommodation that appropriately blends into and does not adversely affect the community adjacent to the University. It is expected that the City established the existing zoning rules based on sound principals and good planning. We note that a large number of proposed developments involve modifications to Zoning Bylaws to permit more dense coverage of the land than is currently specified. The University has supported the City's initiative known as the "Near Campus Neighbourhood Report" which includes the most recent step by the City to limit multi-plexes to three bedrooms (or less) per unit. We strongly support this initiative. Lower density housing is more appropriate for student tenants and more in fitting with a residential neighbourhood.

It is therefore requested that the Committee of Adjustment reject the request for variance submitted by Shana's Holdings Incorporated.

Sincerely

Gitta Kulczycki

Vice-President Resources and Operations

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