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Subject: Fwd: URGENT! Regarding 591 Maitland Demolition...

Dear Planning Committee,

As a resident of Woodfield and former steering committee chair for the West Woodfield Heritage designation study, please do **not** allow for the demolition of the 591 Maitland Street home. I support the letter sent by the Woodfield Community Association.

If you allow this, the message will be that the heritage districts are not that strong and one can do what one wants. This is not the intent of the districts. The planning department (led by Don Menard) has invested hours and budget into creating these districts, so to not uphold the value of the homes here, threatens not only the Woodfield Heritage District, but all of them in the City. London's heritage areas are part of what make this city great: go outside of the city limits and you hear comments, like "it is so pretty: I love all the old homes"; 'Charming', etc. Any time a building in a heritage district comes down, it sets precedent that will be used against the heritage districts in the future.

Do not allow this home to be destroyed: it is an important feature of the streetscape and heritage stock.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter.

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