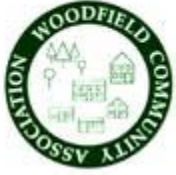


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To the Members of Planning and Environment Committee,

The Woodfield Community Association would like to express our support for the recent decision of LACH to deny a demolition permit for 591 Maitland Street in the heart of Woodfield. We ask that Planning Committee endorse that decision.

The Woodfield Community Association objects to the demolition of any viable heritage building in the heritage districts, unless that building is in danger of collapse, or the plan for its replacement has strong, local value and support. This building is stable and not a danger. Furthermore, it is an important part of the heritage streetscape and of a vintage consistent with the surrounding homes. While not the most glamorous house, the purpose of a Heritage District is to **protect** the integrity of the **historic streetscape... ALL of our heritage homes are important for this.**

Woodfield is widely recognised as a jewel of Victorian Architectural streetscapes in Canada. ***We were voted people's choice over 90 other nominees to become the 'Greatest Place in Canada'.*** In the 2011 ***Michelin Guide to Ontario***, in London's 'Orient yourself' section, only 3 London places are mentioned: The John Labatt Centre, Springbank Park, and Woodfield, called "a 19C residential district in the old town, (with) Victorian houses, many built in a characteristic butter-yellow brick."

Please make London's built heritage a priority -- do not approve this demolition permit.

Yours sincerely,

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*Wendy Dickinson  
Planning Chair  
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