

Dear Committee members,

Thank you for the chance to speak, I hope everyone is feeling well - welcome to the era of climate emergency, as declared by Council last week. My hope is that Council will move to a fuller evaluation of projects proposed, rather than just a narrow rezoning focus.

Water, power, emissions, runoff should all be spelled out clearly in the information provided to the Committee and weighed carefully.

I see little useful data in this proposal - how quickly will it be running and belching toxic chemicals?

What market will it serve? Is it intended to serve the proposed Maple Leaf plant, where J-AAR is doing the earthworks?

Currently that proposal is the subject of both an environmental appeal attempt, and a corporate campaign by the "Stop Maple Leaf Violence" team (go to the Facebook page) - I would caution any company looking at working there to be wary of investing too much time or money in preparing to supply them.

There are significant speciesist, environmental, archeological, human rights and approval issues to be addressed. Companies that contract with Maple Leaf, and suppliers and investors to those companies risk becoming embroiled in delays and becoming targeted themselves.

Maple Leaf lands were rezoned in secret without full information being provided to Council - please don't let that mistake keep being repeated.

Specifically on this proposal:

Concrete and asphalt batching plants can be very large, should not be in floodplains, and are very smelly & toxic.

OMAFRA suggested the need for an official plan amendment, and that enough analysis has not been provided.

Staff response was that "the concerns identified above have been clarified and addressed"

How? What are the answers? May we know please? I echo these concerns - there just isn't enough information here on what is being planned.

My ask is that the Committee refer this proposal back to staff to gather more information on seven areas:

1. The estimated water, energy and emissions from each plant.
2. The estimated odour and noise zone.
3. Quantity of runoff and waste generated and plans for dealing with them.
4. The hours of operation and expected opening date.
5. Clarification over OMAFRA's concerns.
6. Will these plants be subject to Ministry of environment applications
7. The size, capacity and purpose of each plant. Is there a shortage of supply in London, or is this just more intensive resource extraction masked as capitalism ruining the future for our children?

The world is changing - we are under a climate emergency and we can't keep adding more toxic concrete and asphalt plants without close scrutiny of the resources required and the impact on our planet and the community.

Please provide this information to neighbours and to concerned residents of London and schedule a future public participation meeting if you decide to go forward.

I have copies of this presentation to give to the Committee members for consideration.

Thankyou.

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