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Re: Amendment to the Cultural Heritage Guidelines of the London Plan
City File O-8965 - Heritage Places 2.0: A Description of Potential Heritage Conservation Districts in the City of London

Dear Member of City Council,

I am writing in support of having a Heritage Study in North Talbot Neighbourhood (*boundaries as defined below) for the purpose of having it proposed for Heritage District Designation.

This area is steeped with the history of early business and military leaders as well as some sports league founders, having built businesses and made their homes here.

Also interesting to acknowledge is that some of these neighbourhood heritage homes currently provide affordable housing apts which are reported by the City of London Housing Committees in the London Free Press to be *highly* needed by our citizens.

It would be most respectful and prudent to retain the many structures and properties that boast having wonderful architecture and/or are distinguished as the site of significant events or ownership. The research that I and others of our local heritage group have completed shows that there many fine examples of these in the North Talbot Neighbourhood.

I would like to see the City of London embrace these structures and sites as many other cities in Canada and the U.S. have. Whenever I am traveling I never miss an opportunity to visit or tour the Historical Homes and sites there. These Heritage Tours and noted landmarks are a source of employment and enrich the experience of people visiting those cities. Would it not be advantageous to our City to know that visitors would share their pictures and the history of the North Talbot Neighbourhood with others (as we all do when we have travelled) thereby encouraging others to visit London?

Respectfully,

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*To specify the boundaries of North Talbot Community: The streets West of Richmond St. to the River, and bordered by Oxford St. to the North and Kent St. to the South.