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Subject: [EXTERNAL] 556 wellington

Hello,

I'm a Woodfield resident, and writing to express my support for the proposed development at 556 Wellington.

We should be encouraging low-mid rise development around the park. Maybe 20 stories is too high, but 15-18, especially in currently vacant lots (like Centennial hall) makes sense.

We have a serious dearth of housing in London. Rents are up, vacancies are down, and housing prices are skyrocketing. I'm a property owner (live in Woodfield) so while I do benefit from the increases, I don't want to see London become unaffordable. My wife and I left Toronto 2+ years ago for those reasons; if we don't build more housing supply, we're heading on the same trajectory.

Also, we can't say that we want a vibrant and exciting downtown, and then say no to development, which brings the people we need to the core in order to ensure that vibrancy.

Thanks.

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