

To the Members of the Planning and Environment Committee:

I am writing to express my support for the designation of the properties at 197 Ann Street and 183 Ann Street (the Kent Brewery building and the house that Joseph Hamilton built) for reasons of historical and associative value.

As substantiated by the two supporting Evaluations of Cultural Heritage Value of Interest, these properties hold significant value for their direct association with the Kent Brewery (the third most significant historic brewery in London after Carling's and Labatt's), and the Hamilton brewing family, particularly John Hamilton, who ran the brewery from 1861–1887, and his son Joseph Hamilton, who ran the brewery from 1887–1917.

The properties are also valued for their association with the historic Carling's Creek (now largely underground), and with the early industrial history that grew up around Carling's Creek and CPR Corridor.

In terms of contextual value, the properties hold great importance in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of the area along Ann Street and in the near vicinity—an area inhabited by those who worked in the four major industries that grew up around Carling's Creek, from labourers to foremen to owners.

Moreover, the industrial properties near Ann and Piccadilly Streets west of Richmond, and their relationship to the CPR tracks and Carling's Creek, are among the unique identifiers of the Talbot North neighbourhood, and they embody characteristics that should be considered for preservation in any forthcoming HCD study. The Kent Brewery is primary in defining the uniqueness of this area.

I would further request that these properties be considered for designation on their own merits and not in conjunction with the planning application.

Thank you for your consideration.

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