

PLEASE ADD THIS TO COUNCIL

Dear City of London Council,

I was in attendance at the planning committee meeting on Monday the 19th and happened to hear about the application for 954 Gainsborough Road. I did not have anything prepared to say at the time, so did not voice my opinion, but I would like to do that now.

I do not support the demolition of the heritage property at 954 Gainsborough Road. I believe that much of Hyde Park's charm is that it still feels a bit rural. With the loss of this farmhouse, that feeling will be one step closer to not existing.

I also believe that combining new and old development creates a very interesting streetscape. The proposed townhouse development at 2096 Wonderland Road North incorporates the heritage farmhouse into its plan, as do other developments at 1576 Richmond Street, 1570 Richmond Street, 153 Windermere, and 1548 Richmond Street. Many high rise developments downtown also propose to incorporate heritage facades or structures, like Camden Terrace at the Centro high rise and a similar apartment tower on Queen Street with the heritage buildings Blyth Academy is located in.

Although this is a separate application, I also do not support the demolition of the heritage property at 1656 Hyde Park Road. Please also add this input to this separate application and to this and any upcoming council meetings related to 1656 Hyde Park. This heritage house could be easily integrated into a new plaza at 1656 Hyde Park. I really do not think the developer has any excuse to be allowed to tear it down, as it would be so easy to leave it as is at the edge of the development.

Thank You

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