

Report to Planning and Environment Committee

To: Chair and Members
Planning & Environment Committee

From: George Kotsifas, P. Eng.
Managing Director, Development & Compliance Services and
Chief Building Official

Subject: Exemption from Part-Lot Control
Application By: Rockwood Homes c/o Al Allendorf
Address: 2725 Asima Drive

Meeting on: February 8, 2021

Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Development Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the application by Rockwood Homes to exempt Block 53, Plan 33M-699 from Part-Lot Control:

- (a) Pursuant to subsection 50(7) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13*, the attached proposed by-law **BE INTRODUCED** at a future Council meeting, to exempt Block 53, Plan 33M-699 from the Part-Lot Control provisions of subsection 50(5) of the said *Act*, **IT BEING NOTED** that these lands are subject to registered subdivision agreements and are zoned Residential R4 Special Provision (R4-5(2)) in Zoning By-law No. Z.-1, which permits street townhouse dwellings;
- (b) The following conditions of approval **BE REQUIRED** to be completed prior to the passage of a Part-Lot Control By-law for Block 53, Plan 33M-699 as noted in clause (a) above:
 - i. The applicant be advised that the costs of registration of the said by-laws are to be borne by the applicant in accordance with City Policy;
 - ii. The applicant submit a draft reference plan to the Development Services for review and approval to ensure the proposed part lots and development plans comply with the regulations of the Zoning By-law, prior to the reference plan being deposited in the land registry office;
 - iii. The applicant submits to the Development Services a digital copy together with a hard copy of each reference plan to be deposited. The digital file shall be assembled in accordance with the City of London's Digital Submission / Drafting Standards and be referenced to the City's NAD83 UTM Control Reference;
 - iv. The applicant submit each draft reference plan to London Hydro showing driveway locations and obtain approval for hydro servicing locations and above ground hydro equipment locations prior to the reference plan being deposited in the land registry office;
 - v. The applicant submit to the City Engineer for review and approval prior to the reference plan being deposited in the land registry office; any revised lot grading and servicing plans in accordance with the final lot layout to divide the blocks should there be further division of property contemplated as a result of the approval of the reference plan;
 - vi. The applicant shall enter into any amending subdivision agreement with the City, if necessary;
 - vii. The applicant shall agree to construct all services, including private drain connections and water services, in accordance with the approved final design of the lots;

- viii. The applicant shall obtain confirmation from the Development Services that the assignment of municipal numbering has been completed in accordance with the reference plan(s) to be deposited, should there be further division of property contemplated as a result of the approval of the reference plan prior to the reference plan being deposited in the land registry office;
- ix. The applicant shall obtain approval from the Development Services of each reference plan to be registered prior to the reference plan being registered in the land registry office;
- x. The applicant shall submit to the City, confirmation that an approved reference plan for final lot development has been deposited in the Land Registry Office;
- xi. The applicant shall obtain clearance from the City Engineer that requirements iv), v) and vi) inclusive, outlined above, are satisfactorily completed, prior to any issuance of building permits by the Building Controls Division for lots being developed in any future reference plan;
- xii. The applicant shall provide a draft transfer of the easements to be registered on title for the reciprocal use of parts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 by parts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15; and,
- xiii. That on notice from the applicant that a reference plan has been registered on a Block, and that Part-Lot Control be re-established by the repeal of the bylaw affecting the Lots/Block in question.

Executive Summary

Summary of Request

This report is for review and endorsement by Municipal Council to exempt Block 53 in Registered Plan 33M-699 from the Part-Lot Control provisions of the *Planning Act*.

Purpose and Effect of Recommended Action

Exemption from Part-Lot Control will facilitate the creation of eight (8) street townhouse units, with access provided by means of Asima Drive.

Rationale for Recommended Action

The standard conditions for passing the Part-Lot Control By-law are attached and are to be reviewed and endorsed by Municipal Council prior to the final by-law.

Analysis

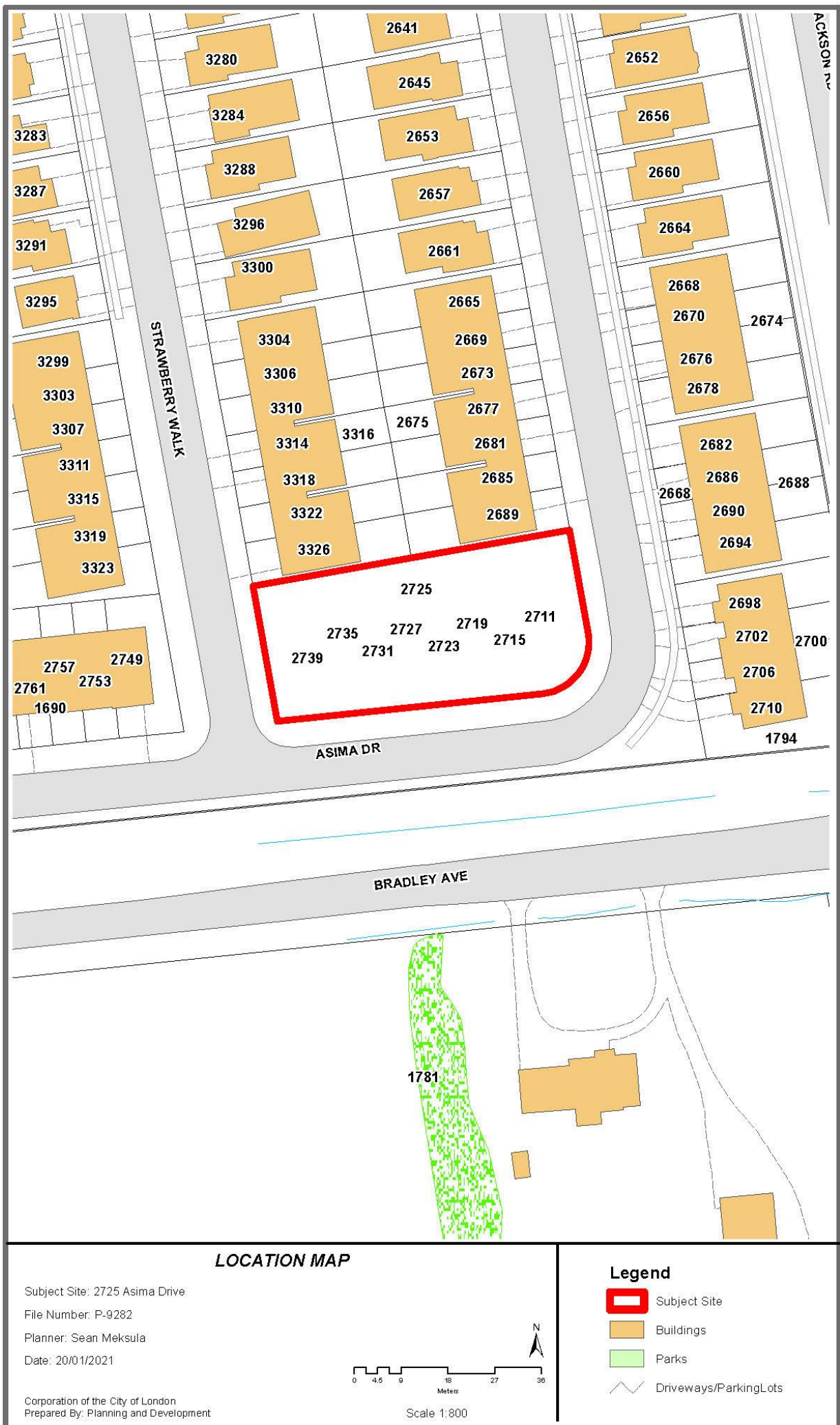
1.0 Property Description

The subject site is located on Asima Drive, which is generally located south of Evans Boulevard, west of Jackson Road, and north of Bradley Avenue. The site is vacant with street townhouse dwellings located to the north and west, townhouse blocks located to the south, and future townhouse blocks to the east. The site has proximity to Meadowgate Park and École Secondaire Gabriel-Dumont - French First Language Secondary School.

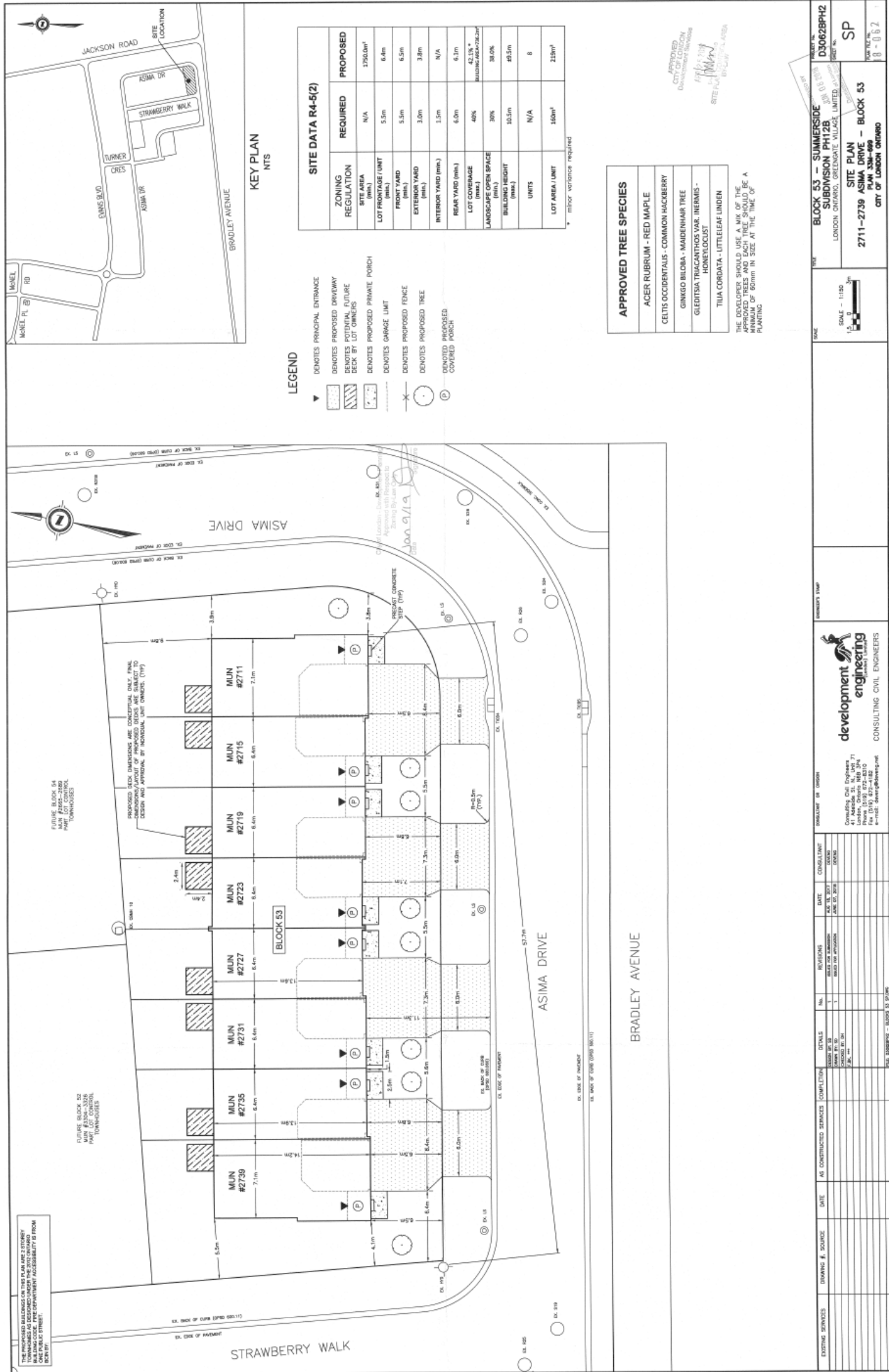
1.1 Current Planning Information

- The London Plan Place Type – Neighbourhoods Place Type
- (1989) Official Plan Designation – Multi Family, Medium Density Residential
- Existing Zoning – Residential R4 Special Provision (R4-5(2)) Zone

1.2 Location Map



1.3 Site Plan



1.6 Site Characteristics

- Current Land Use – townhouse dwellings under construction
- Frontage – 60.1m (197.2 ft.) along Asima Drive
- Area – 1,750m² (18,836 sq. ft.)
- Shape – rectangular

1.7 Surrounding Land Uses

- North – existing residential
- East – existing residential
- South – existing agricultural
- West – existing residential

2.0 Description of Proposal

2.1 Development Proposal

The Applicant, Rockwood Homes, has requested exemption from part-lot control to create a total of eight (8) freehold street townhouse dwelling units on a local street (Asima Drive). The plan of subdivision was registered on July 14, 2016, consisting of 48 single detached dwelling lots and nine (9) multi-family medium density residential blocks, all served by three (3) new local streets (Turner Crescent, Strawberry Walk and Asima Drive). The dwellings will be freehold street townhouse units, approximately two storeys in height, and accessed from Asima Drive.

3.0 Relevant Background

3.1 Planning History

The subject lands were originally included in a 1992 subdivision application submitted by Jackson Land Corp. for lands bounded by Commissioners Road East, Jackson Road, Bradley Avenue, and Highbury Ave South (also referred to as Summerside Subdivision). The Ministry of Municipal Affairs granted draft approval in September of 1993.

In October of 2003, Jackson Land Corp requested revisions to 14.2 ha (35 acres) of lands within the draft approved Summerside subdivision, specifically the lands bounded by Evans Boulevard, Jackson Road, Bradley Avenue and Meadowgate Boulevard. The changes from the 1993 draft plan were of such significance that a new draft plan application was required (File No. 39T-03513). Municipal Council adopted the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments in May of 2004 and at the same time recommended the City of London Approval Authority grant draft plan of subdivision approval to a revised plan subject to conditions.

On October 21, 2005, the City of London Approval Authority granted final approval to the first phase of draft plan 39T-03513. This phase contained 114 single detached dwelling blocks served by the extension of Meadowgate Boulevard and two new local streets being Turner Crescent and Asima Drive. This phase, commonly referred to as Phase 12A, was registered on October 27, 2005 as Plan 33M-533.

In September of 2007, Jackson Land Corp. submitted a new plan consisting of 96 single detached lots and 21 multi-family blocks containing approximately 115 street townhouse dwellings all served by 3 local streets, including portions that would be developed as “window streets” (file 39T-07508).

In 2012, the London Consent Authority granted a consent to Jackson Land Corp. (file B.019/12) to sever the lands within this draft plan from the remaining Summerside Subdivision to create two new parcels (divided east and west of the future southerly extension of Turner Crescent).

The draft plan of subdivision 39T-07508 was approved by the Approval Authority as one (1) phase, consisting of 48 single family detached lots, and nine (9) multi-family medium

density blocks, was registered on July 4, 2016 as plan 33M-699.

3.3 Community Engagement

There is no legislated Community Engagement component to an Exemption from Part-Lot Control. A notice of the request for exemption from part-lot control and a list of standard draft conditions was circulated to internal departments (such as Engineering and the Building Division) and London Hydro. Development Engineering confirmed that the draft standard conditions are applicable and no additional conditions were needed.

3.4 Policy Context

In Ontario, the subdivision of land is governed by the *Planning Act*. Under this legislation, lot creation is permitted through the approval of a plan of subdivision, the granting of a Consent (commonly described as a “severance”) or, for lots within a registered plan of subdivision, through a by-law exemption from part-lot control. Section 50(28) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, includes provisions to ensure that part of a lot or block within a registered plan of subdivision cannot be transferred without the approval of the municipality. The part-lot control provisions of the *Planning Act* allows a municipality to pass by-laws to remove part-lot control from all or any part of a registered plan of subdivision. Such a by-law has the effect of allowing the conveyance of a portion of a lot or block. Exemption from part-lot control is appropriate when a number of land transactions are involved and the resulting changes will not affect the nature or character of the subdivision.

Exemption from part-lot control is used to create street townhouse lots to ensure that the eventual lot lines match the foundation for the building, and are constructed exactly on the property boundaries. Part-Lot Control may be exempted to allow a property owner to legally divide a block within their registered plan of subdivision.

4.0 Key Issues and Considerations

Council has adopted a policy to guide consideration of requests for exemption to Part-Lot Control, as follows:

- a) *appropriately zoned lots and blocks of registered plans of subdivision may be exempted from part-lot control for the purpose of establishing individual properties for conveyance or other purposes where municipal services or agreements for extension of services are in place;*

The subject lands are zoned Residential R4 (R4-5(2)) which permits street townhouse units. The applicant will be required to submit a draft reference plan to Development Services for review and approval to ensure the proposed lots and development plans comply with the regulations of the Zoning By-law, prior to the reference plan being deposited in the Land Registry Office.

- b) *exemption from part-lot control is used to implement the intended lotting of a portion of a registered plan where the complete division of land was not practical at the time of subdivision approval and registration;*

The subject block was registered and intended to be developed for street townhouse units at the time of the subdivision approval. The division of individual lots at the time of the subdivision was not practical, and is appropriate through part-lot control and successfully attaining site plan approval.

- c) *the nature and character of the subdivision are not to be changed by part-lot control exemption from that which was established by the subdivision plan and zoning by-law;*

This request is consistent with the intended use of the block as established through the plan of subdivision and zoning. The development of the site for eight (8) street townhouse

units is consistent with the development in the area and specifically to the lands located directly to the east and south.

- d) the removal of part-lot control is appropriate when a series of land divisions is necessary to allow sale of the constructed buildings and associated part-lots;*

The exemption of part lot control creates eight (8) individual lots and eight (8) easements as one transaction instead of requiring separate and individual land divisions to create the interests in land.

- e) references will be made to the land severance guidelines, guidelines for private streets, and other pertinent policies when considering the appropriateness of exemption; and*

The subject lands are within the Neighbourhoods Place Type in The London Plan and designated Multi-Family, Medium Density Residential in the (1989) Official Plan, which permits street townhouses. The proposal will facilitate the development of the parcel in accordance with the form of development established at the time of subdivision approval. The proposed lots will not result in any traffic problems and will have access to municipal services and utilities. Access will be provided by Asima Drive and no private roads are proposed.

- f) the registration costs of by-laws passed at the request of the developer or subdivider, to exempt lands from part-lot control, will be borne by the applicant.*

The applicant is responsible for all costs associated with the Exemption to Part-Lot Control.

The applicant has applied for and received site plan approval (SPA18-062) to construct eight (8) street townhouse units on a local street which was registered on title as a Development Agreement. Securities have also been taken through the site plan process.

The applicant has requested exemption from Part-Lot Control as an alternative to submitting an application through the Consent Authority. The applicant requested exemption from the Part-Lot Control provisions of the *Planning Act* to facilitate the creation of eight (8) street townhouse units. The proposed plan has been reviewed with regards to the City's Policy on Exemption from Part-Lot Control, the 1989 Official Plan, The London Plan and the applicable zoning, and has been determined to meet existing policies and the City's Zoning By-law.

4.1 Conditions

It is recommended that the following conditions be applied and that the By-law for Block 53 in Plan 33M-699 be passed at a future meeting of Municipal Council only when the following conditions have been complied with:

- i. The applicant be advised that the costs of registration of the said by-laws are to be borne by the applicant in accordance with City Policy;
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5.0 Conclusion

In accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act*, Municipal Council may pass by-laws to exempt all, or parts of registered plans of subdivision from part-lot control. The applicant has requested exemption from the Part-Lot Control provisions of the *Planning Act* to establish lot lines for the individual townhouse units, which is appropriate to allow for the sale of these units to future homeowners. The recommended exemption is considered appropriate and in keeping with the registered phases of the Summerside subdivision, subject to the completion of the proposed conditions.

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Appendix A

Bill No. ***Number inserted by Clerk's Office***
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By-law No. C.P.- ***Number inserted by Clerk's Office***

A by-law to exempt from Part-Lot Control, lands located at 2725 Asima Drive, legally described as Block 53 in Registered Plan 33M-699.

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 50(7) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13*, as amended, and pursuant to the request from Rockwood Homes, it is expedient to exempt lands located at 2725 Asima Drive, legally described as Block 53 in Registered Plan 33M-699, from Part Lot Control;

THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of The City of London enacts as follows:

1. Block 53 in Registered Plan 33M-699, located at 2725 Asima Drive, west of Jackson Road, are hereby exempted from Part-Lot Control, pursuant to subsection 50(7) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13*, as amended, for a period not to exceed three (3) years; it being noted that these lands are zoned to permit street townhouse dwellings in conformity with the Residential R4 Special Provision (R4-5(2)) Zone of the City of London Zoning By-law No. Z-1.
3. This by-law comes into force when it is registered at the Land Registry Office.

PASSED in Open Council on

Ed Holder
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading –
Second Reading –
Third Reading –