

Subject: [EXTERNAL] 93-95 Dufferin Avenue, London, Ontario

Dear Planning and Environment Committee Members,

I find myself unable to support the demolition of these buildings as they represent what was until relatively recently, a functioning portion of the streetscape reflecting the strong heritage of London's Victorian past. The piece of Victoriana creates a visual relief for the eyes from the more modern surrounding interventions and has become the last example on this block.

I look upon Old Oak as a well regarded developer in the City and can see the point of using the last piece of the block for high-rise development and the financial sense it might make for them, but at the same time one has to ask "at what cost?".

The Heritage that sets London apart and makes it appealing to residents, newcomers and tourists to the city seems to be being continually eroded with this being just the latest example. The damage can't be undone, the heritage that was left to us as Londoners is being squandered by our actions or lack thereof. What are we leaving behind?

Thank you for the opportunity of presenting my view.

Sincerely,

Marcus Coles