Subject: [EXTERNAL] Zoning By-Law Amendment Application – File Z-9250 – 100 Fullarton Street

Stop this madness. I have lived in London for the past 14 years, lived across Canada for 40, and left London in1982 before returning in 2007. Destroying heritage sites across the city is nothing short of madness. These glorious buildings are what make London beautiful. I'm tired of seeing beautiful buildings being razed for the ugly and uninspiring structures that replace these heritage buildings that replaces these places.

I am appalled at what has happened to the downtown core since I lived there in the 1970"s. The downtown core was vibrant and the apartments above the storefronts all the way down Dundas Street were filled with those seeking affordable housing.

Then along came the 'brilliant minds" that thought Galleria was a good idea. This behemoth was the beginning of the decline and for some unfathomable reason, more "brilliant minds" have followed suit in the destruction of what was once a beautiful downtown core filled with heritage homes and reminders of London's rise to prosperity.

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As a Londoner passionate about our City's treasured built-heritage, I am writing to express opposition to the requested zoning by-law amendment for 100 Fullarton Street which will impact 93-95 Dufferin Street and 475-501 Talbot Street (the former Camden Terrace).

The double house at 93-95 Dufferin Street has significant cultural heritage value. Of Italianate (93) and Classical Revival (95) style, it is believed to have been designed by Samuel Peters (London's first City Engineer). Mr. Peters lived in 93 Dufferin Street from approximately 1868 to 1882. Later on, Colonel John Walker (Member of Parliament in 1874; Middlesex County Registrar) lived there.

City Council's decision to permit the demolition of Camden Terrace at 475-501 Talbot Street (and to not pursue its designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act – despite strong evidence of its cultural heritage value) was controversial, and came only after considerable debate and discussion. The requirement for the property-owner to carefully dismantle the façade and then to reconstruct it within the lobby of the new building was a key element in Council's eventual decision to approve the demolition and the proposed development on the property now known as 100 Fullarton Street.

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