

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to demolition to 93-95 Dufferin heritage buildings

Good morning,

I am writing to voice my opposition to Old Oak Properties proposed application to demolish the buildings at 93-95 Dufferin. In the initial application the original buildings were supposed to be maintained and incorporated into Old Oak's design. I assume they would have done due diligence at that time to make sure that they would be able to incorporate the existing buildings into their plan. Now that they are part way into their project they are now backsliding and saying they were wrong and the heritage buildings need to be demolished. They should have given it the proper consideration when they began. Their existing plan needs to be modified to incorporate the heritage buildings, not the other way around. I see no evidence to demonstrate why the demolition of these buildings is reasonable or necessary beyond that it is their preference.

Heritage in a community, to me is even more critical than the environment. I have seen environmentally significant areas decimated by industrial development that, with a tremendous effort geared to rehabilitation, can at least be partially restored to their near original state. There is no similar option for heritage buildings. Once destroyed they are gone forever.

A facade is not an acceptable alternative. London is not a theme park or a movie set. If we we want to live in a strong vibrant city that reflects its local culture and history, heritage buildings need to be preserved.

Demolition is not an acceptable solution and I urge you to reject this proposal.

Yours very truly,  
Tyler Smith