# **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: Application By: Housing Development Corporation (HDC),

London

122 Base Line Road West

Date: March 29, 2021

# Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Development Services, based on the application by Goldfield Ltd. relating to the property located at 122 Base Line Road West, the proposed by-law <u>attached</u> hereto as Appendix "A" **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting on April 13, 2021 to amend Zoning By-law No. Z.-1, in conformity with the Official Plan, to change the zoning of the subject lands **FROM** a Holding Bonus Residential R8 (h-5 \*R8-3\*B-69) Zone **TO** a Bonus Residential R8 (R8-3\*B-69) Zone to remove the "h-5" holding provision.

# **Executive Summary**

## **Purpose and the Effect of Recommended Action**

The purpose and effect of this zoning change is to remove the "h-5" holding symbol from the zone map to permit the development of a low-rise apartment building in accordance with the provisions of the approved bonus zone.

#### **Rationale of Recommended Action**

The conditions for removing the holding provisions have been satisfied, as required by Zoning By-law Z.-1. Specifically, security has been submitted; a development agreement has been signed; and, a public site plan meeting has been held (March 1, 2021).

The development agreement also ensures that development is consistent with the provisions of the bonus zone. All issues have been resolved and the holding provisions are no longer required.

# **Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan**

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## **Analysis**

# 1.0 Background Information

On September 21, 2020 Council approved zoning for the property at 122 Base Line Road West to provide permissions for a low-rise apartment building through a bonus zone. The bonus Zone included a requirement for affordable housing and design principles to guide the development. The Zoning is subject to a single holding provision.

A site plan approval application was submitted January 27, 2021 and a site plan public meeting held March 1, 2021. No public comments were received at the site plan public

meeting or through the public process leading up to it. Site plan approval has granted, financial security has been provided, and a development agreement entered into.

#### 1.1 Previous Reports Related to this Matter

OZ-9200 – 122 Base Line Road West (PEC) September 21, 2020 SPA21-005 – Public Site Plan Meeting (PEC) March 1, 2021

#### 1.2 **Property Description**

The subject lands are located on the north side of Base Line Road West 650 metres west of Wharncliffe Road South. The subject lands are 0.615 hectares in size and currently free of buildings or structures. The lands slope to the north with a historic watercourse evident along the easterly property limit. The site is partially treed, primarily the eastern portion. The property is abutted by residential development with townhouses to the west, apartment buildings and single-detached dwellings the south and east, and 2 single detached houses, including one with a horse barn to the north.

## 1.3 Current Planning Information (See Appendix C)

- The London Plan Place Type Neighbourhoods Place Type
- Existing Zoning Residential R8, Bonus Zone (h-5 \*R8-3\*B-69)

#### 1.4 Site Characteristics

- Current Land Use undeveloped
- Frontage 66.1 m
- Depth approximately 90 m
- Area 0.615 ha (6151 m²)
- Shape Rectangular

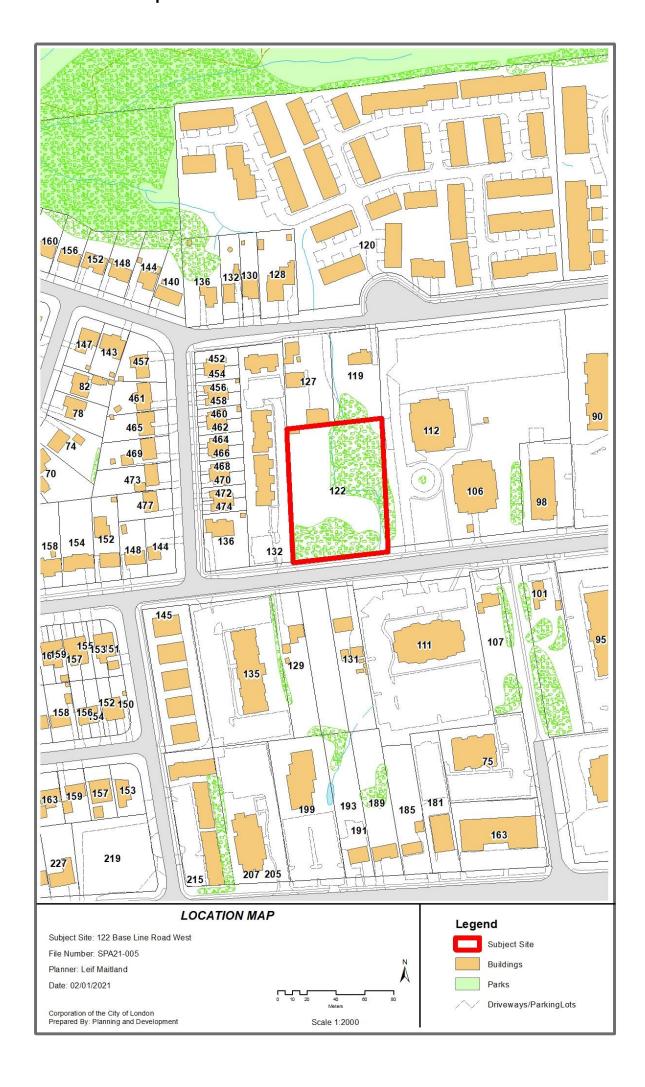
## 1.5 **Surrounding Land Uses**

- North Single-detached houses, horse barn, townhousing
- East Apartment buildings (11-storeys, 11storeys, 4-storeys and 10-storeys in height)
- South Apartment buildings (9 and 11-storeys in height), two single-detached dwellings
- West Townhousing and semi-detached dwellings

# 1.5 Intensification

• The proposed apartment building is not located within the Primary Transit Area and constitutes infill development.

#### 1.6 Location Map



#### 2.0 Discussion and Considerations

The applicant is requesting the removal of the "h-5" holding provision from the Zone on the subject lands.

The "h-5" holding provision requires that public site plan meeting is held as part of a public site plan review process. The purpose of the public site plan meeting is ensure the development takes into account the Council direction arising from the public site plan review process a development agreement and associated securities are required.

The requested amendment will facilitate the development of a 61-unit, low-rise apartment building.

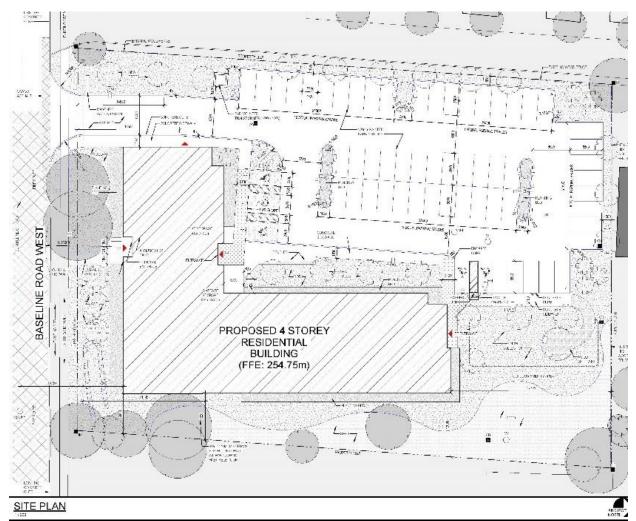


Figure 1 - Proposed Site Plan

# 3.0 Financial Impact/Considerations

There are no direct financial expenditures associated with this report.

# 4.0 Key Issues and Considerations

## h-5 Holding provision.

The h-5 holding provision reads as follows:

Purpose: To ensure that development takes a form compatible with adjacent land uses, agreements shall be entered into following public site plan review specifying the issues allowed for under Section 41 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, prior to the removal of the "h-5" symbol.

A public site plan review process was conducted, culminating with a public site plan

meeting held at the Planning and Environment Committee March 1, 2021. The site plan public meeting saw no comments and no additional direction from council. The requirements for the removal of the "h-5" holding provision have been satisfied.

## Conclusion

A public site plan review process has been conducted including a March 1, 2021 Public Site Plan meeting. The public site plan review process saw no additional requirements in addition to the applicable bonus zone. Therefore, the required conditions have been met to remove the "h-5" holding provision. The removal of the holding provision is recommended to Council for approval.

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Services

Recommended by: Paul Yeoman, RPP, PLE, Director, Development

**Services** 

Submitted by: George Kotsifas, P.ENG, Development and Compliance

**Services and Chief Building Official** 

Note: The opinions contained herein are offered by a person or persons qualified to provide expert opinion. Further detail with respect to qualifications can be obtained from Development Services.

CC: Heather McNeely, Manager, Development Services (Site Plan) Bruce Page, Manager, Development Planning Mike Pease, Manager, Development Planning

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# **Appendix A**

Bill No. (Number to be inserted by Clerk's Office) 2021

By-law No. Z.-1-\_\_\_\_

A by-law to amend By-law No. Z.-1 to remove holding provisions from the zoning for lands located at 122 Base Line Road West.

WHEREAS Goldfield Ltd. has applied to remove the holding provisions from the zoning for the lands located at 122 Base Line Road West, as shown on the map attached to this by-law, as set out below;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed appropriate to remove the holding provisions from the zoning of the said lands;

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

- 1. Schedule "A" to By-law No. Z.-1 is amended by changing the zoning applicable to the lands located at 122 Base Line Road West, as shown on the attached map, to remove the h-5 holding provisions so that the zoning of the lands as a Bonus Residential R8 (R8-3\*B-69) Zone comes into effect.
- 2. This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date of passage.

PASSED in Open Council on April 13, 2021.

Ed Holder Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE "A" (BY-LAW NO. Z.-1)



# **Appendix B – Public Engagement**

#### **Community Engagement**

**Public liaison:** Notice of the application was published in the Londoner on February 18, 2021

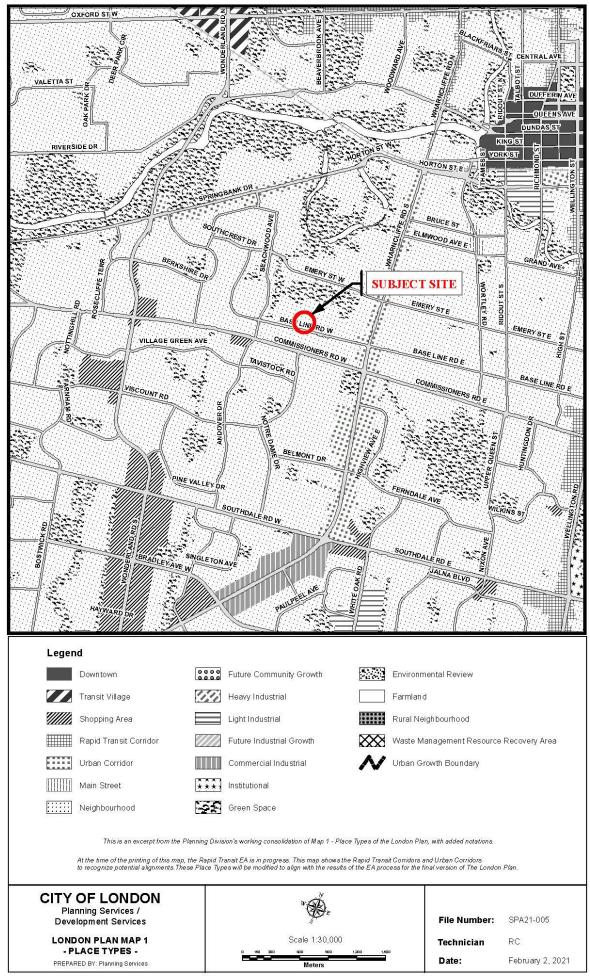
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#### **Nature of Liaison:**

**122 Base Line Road West –** City Council intends to consider removing the "h-5" Holding Provision from the zoning of the subject lands. The purpose and effect of this zoning change is to remove the holding symbol permitting an apartment building of 61 units, 4-storeys in height. The purpose of the "h" provision is to ensure that development takes a form compatible with adjacent land uses, agreements shall be entered into following public site plan review specifying the issues allowed for under Section 41 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, prior to the removal of the "h-5" symbol. Council will consider removing the holding provisions as it applies to these lands no earlier than March 29, 2021. File: H-9306 Planner: L. Maitland (City Hall).

# Appendix C - The London Plan, Official Plan Map and Zoning excerpts

#### **The London Plan**



#### **Zoning Excerpt**

