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To the Planning Committee,

Densification is an important urban consideration. But it has to be in smart places: those places that do not rob of us of our collective and historic views, or overshadow and threaten a neighbourhood in the making. There should be places, particularly along the Thames, that breathe and give space to nature, for all of us to enjoy.

This development proposal gives the public nothing and the developer everything. It will look ridiculous in context to the Ridout buildings, London's key National Historic Site, and the and the incomparable Harris home, our little White House, ghost and all. It would dominate the sightlines and public space associated with Harris Park and the Forks of the Thames, in the barely beating, but historic heart of our City. Downtown is currently on life support. And yes, we need residences downtown so people will live there. But development should include place making. And this area has never been subject to this level of density. So it will be lopsided. And we know better what that looks like here.

People want to live in places that protect open space and respect historic districts.

This proposed development is anything but sympathetic.

I urge City Councillors to reject the Official Plan and zoning by-law amendment application.

Kind regards,

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