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I am deeply concerned with the dominating nature of this development proposal. It would loom over and dwarf the Ridout Street Complex, one of London's few National Historic Sites. It would dominate the sightlines and public space associated with Harris Park and the Forks of the Thames, the historic heart of our City. The large addition built by John Labatt Limited as part of the original restoration was and is sympathetic to the historic streetscape. This proposed development is anything but sympathetic. I urge City Councillors to reject the Official Plan and zoning by-law amendment application.

After the generous donation of the Eldon House property by the Harris family and the efforts of the newly formed ACO London to save the Ridout Street Complex it seemed that London recognized the importance of this prime location to the citizens of London. When Museum London was built a decade later London took another giant step forward in recognizing the value of the historic heart of London. Only a few short years ago the excitement generated by the plans to create an enhanced riverfront which would be available to ALL Londoners captured the imagination of many.

And then London lost the opportunity to purchase the original Middlesex County Courthouse. The proposed high rise as part of the Ridout Street Complex would be another giant backward step for the Forks of the Thames.

Please consider carefully when you decide on the future of London's historical heart.

Respectfully
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