

To: Monteith Brown Planning Consultants

Dear Hannah Shirtliff,

Subject: 1588 Clarke Road

AECOM's Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for 1588 Clarke Road was completed in 2018 and assessed the impacts of a subdivision development plan by Sifton that included the property. It is understood that after the HIA was completed, a demolition request was made by Sifton on March 18, 2019 for the demolition of the barn on the property. It was noted at the time of the demolition request that the Stewardship sub-committee of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) should conduct more research on the property, specifically regarding its connection to the Underground Railroad. The demolition request from March 18, 2019 included a recommendation from Laura Dent, Heritage Planner with the City of London, stating that the demolition be taken, that the property should be removed from the Register, and the property owner commemorate the historic contributions of the Tackabury family. This commemoration should be incorporated into the future development of the property. Council approved the demolition request for the barn.

A comment on the HIA was received from Maggie Whalley, a member of LACH, who was speaking on behalf of the Tackabury family. The comment suggested the HIA did not sufficiently portray the history of the family associated with the property. It should be noted that it is not common practice to contact previous landowners when developing a property history as part of an HIA. The purpose of an HIA is to evaluate and assess impacts to a heritage property, this is the primary focus of the report.

Having reviewed the HIA, while I agree to the overall conclusion of the HIA that the buildings associated with the property do not need to be retained, we do encourage the property owner to move forward with the recommendation made in the HIA, and made by the Heritage Planner on March 18, 2019, that the design plans for that property need to include a commemorative feature noting the historical contributions of the Tackabury family.

Commemoration can include, but is not limited to:

- Dedicating a location in the Open Space, parkland for an interpretive sign - add to design plans
- Consider naming a street or a public walking trail after the family
- Consider naming the storm water management pond area after the family

At this time, a revision to the HIA is not required; however, the information provided by Ms. Whalley on the family can be utilized in the commemoration of the family and should be included in the planning application or subsequent design plans.

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Sincerely,

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