



Mark Fisher, Director of Education and Secretary

Phil Squire
Chair
Planning and Environment Committee
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, Ontario N6B 1Z2

September 8, 2021

Dear Chair Squire and Members of the Planning and Environment Committee,

RE: Official Plan Amendment Application - 2631 Hyde Park Road and 1521 Sunningdale Road West
File: O-9190 Applicant: Auburn Developments Inc.

This letter is in follow-up to my May 19, 2021 correspondence regarding the above-noted planning application. As you are aware, the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) is experiencing significant enrolment growth in the City of London, with much of that growth occurring in rapidly developing areas in the City's northwest. Our need for a new school is critical and time sensitive. We are grateful to have received approval from the Ministry of Education to build a new 802-pupil place school in this area of the City, along with an 88-place childcare component. The new elementary school is intended to relieve enrolment pressure at Sir Arthur Currie PS, which was built for 533 students and opened in 2017. Enrolment at Sir Arthur Currie PS is growing rapidly and we are expecting close to 1,000 students at the school for the 2021-2022 academic year. To accommodate this enrolment, we are anticipating to have 22 portable classrooms on site. Sir Arthur Currie PS is expected to have almost as many students learning in portables this year as within the main school building. Given the rapid growth occurring in this part of the City, surrounding schools that would ordinarily be utilized to accommodate students are also nearing or are over their intended capacities.

TVDSB's Administration has been in discussions with Auburn Developments Inc. regarding purchasing land within its planned subdivision at 2631 Hyde Park Road and 1521 Sunningdale Road West as well as its Kent subdivision (Foxhollow North), located on the south side of Sunningdale Road West and east of Hyde Park Road. Due to timing considerations and the urgency with which land for a new school is required, the latter was identified as a preferred site from a servicing perspective. I am pleased to report that we have arrived at an agreement in principle to purchase a school site within the Kent subdivision subject to the finalization of a letter of intent between the TVDSB and Auburn Developments Inc., which is currently underway. The letter of intent will be subject to a number of milestones that will need to be reached by the two parties.

I would like to thank City of London staff for assisting us with the land search and collaborating with our team in order to find a suitable location for a new elementary school in northwest London. I would also like to thank Josh Morgan, the Deputy Mayor and local ward Councillor, for his engagement and guidance on this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc. Josh Morgan, Deputy Mayor and Ward 7 Councillor, City of London
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Lori-Ann Pizzolato, Chair, Thames Valley District School Board
Steve Stapleton, Vice President, Auburn Developments Inc.