

TO: Chair and Members Planning & Environment Committee, City Clerk ([PEC@london.ca](mailto:PEC@london.ca))  
FROM: Samuel Trosow  
RE: Item 4.1, 14<sup>th</sup> PEC Meeting on September 27, 2021

I would request that this comment be added to the public agenda for the above meeting.

I wanted to send a very brief comment raising serious concerns about this matter and urging council to proceed cautiously. The public expects that the future needs for school facilities is something that is planned for in advance and worked into the land development process from the start. There is also an expectation that the planning processes that goes into the Official Plan is meaningful and that amendments to it are based on specific features of the land in question.

It seems that directing staff to prepare a by-law to change the Plan and directing staff to “facilitate” necessary zoning by-law amendments is premature and could be viewed as pre-judging the applications.

I think its unfortunate that The City of London is being faced with this dilemma. Everyone wants to see adequate space for schools, but the extreme population growth in this part of the city has forced this situation and the arrangement that is being requested is very unusual and appears to be turning the process on its head.

There is also a very substantial worry that should council proceed with this arrangement, other developers will point to this as a precedent and seek similar plan and zoning amendments. Councilors and the public well understand the importance of preserving the greenspace around the city, and this policy could be placed in jeopardy should this arrangement be approved. It will also, in my view, undermine the public’s confidence in the overall planning process.

I hope to provide further comments as this matter proceeds.

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