# **Report to Planning and Environment Committee**

To: Chair and Members

**Planning & Environment Committee** 

From: George Kotsifas P. Eng.,

**Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development** 

Subject: Application By: Stackhouse Developments (London) Inc.

1150 Fanshawe Park Road East

Meeting on: January 10, 2022

# Recommendation

That on the recommendation of the Director, Planning and Development, the following actions be taken with respect to the application of Stackhouse Developments (London) Inc. relating to the property located at 1150 Fanshawe Park Road East, the proposed by-law <u>attached</u> hereto as Appendix "A" **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting on January 25, 2022 to amend Zoning By-law Z.-1, in conformity with the Official Plan, to change the zoning of the lands **FROM** a Holding Restricted Office/Convenience Commercial/Residential R8 Special Provision (h-5/h-18/RO2/CC5(1)/R8-4(60)/B-70) Zone **TO** a Restricted Office/Convenience Commercial/Residential R8 Special Provision RO2/CC5(1)/R8-4(60)/B-70) Zone to remove the h-5 and h-18 holding provisions.

### **Executive Summary**

### **Summary of Request**

The development for consideration is for the development of apartment building and a stacked townhouse on the west side of Stackhouse Avenue, north of Fanshawe Park Road East. The site is to be developed with vehicular access from Stackhouse Avenue. The request is to remove the holding provisions from the residential zone on 1150 Fanshawe Park Road East.

#### **Purpose and the Effect of Recommended Action**

The purpose and effect are to remove the holding ("h-5" and "h-18") symbols from the zoning to permit construction of a six (6) storey, 81-unit residential apartment building a three (3) storey stacked townhouse with 6-units.

### **Rationale of Recommended Action**

The requirements for removing the holding provision have been met.

- 1. A public site plan meeting was held before the Planning and Environment Committee on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Since that time, staff have worked with applicant to ensure that matters raised through the meeting have been considered.
- 2. A Development Agreement has been executed and security has been posted for this development.
- 3. An archaeological assessment and the necessary sign off has been provided.

It is appropriate to remove the holding provisions as they are no longer required.

### **Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan**

Building a Sustainable City - London's growth and development is well planned and sustainable over the long term.

### **Analysis**

# 1.0 Background Information

### 1.1 Previous Reports Related to this Matter

**May 10, 1999** – Report to Planning Committee to change the zoning of the subject site to a holding Convenience Commercial Special Provision/Restricted Office (h-27\*CC5(1)/RO2) Zone. File Z-5705.

**November 2, 2020** – Report to Planning Committee to change the Official Plan by adding a specific policy to Chapter 10 to permit an increased density of 133 units per hectare and Zoning of the subject site to a Holding Restricted Office/Convenience Commercial/Residential R8 Special Provision (h-5/h-18/RO2/CC5(1)/R8-4(60)/B0-70) Zone, File OZ-9215.

**September 21, 2021 -** Planning and Environment Committee - Stackhouse Developments (London) Inc. regarding the property located at 1150 Fanshawe Park Road East – public meeting with for Site Plan Approval - File SPA21-050.

# 1.2 Planning History

The lands were in the former Township of London and were annexed into the City of London on January 1, 1993. The single detached dwelling on site was constructed circa 1920.

The subject site is within the Stoney Creek Community Plan which was prepared by area landowners to provide more detailed guidance for future development and serve as a basis for Official Plan designations. In 1998, Council adopted the Multi-Family, Medium Density Residential Designation for the lands. A specific policy to allow for Convenience Commercial uses on the subject site was added in 1999 to section 3.6.5.vii) of the 1989 Official Plan. The existing zoning was also applied in 1999 through application Z-5705.

In 2003 the corner property at 1152 Fanshawe Park Road East was severed from the retained subject lands through consent application B.024/03. A minor variance application A.042/03 was also submitted to facilitate the requested severance to allow for a reduced lot frontage. The corner property at 1152 Fanshawe Park Road East continues to be used as a small retail clothing store.

The application for Site Plan Approval was accepted on June 25, 2021 for the construction of a six (6) storey, 81-unit residential apartment building and a three (3) storey stacked townhouse with 6-units. A public meeting was held at the Planning and Environment Committee (PEC) on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### 1.3 Property Description

The subject site is located on the northwest corner of Fanshawer Park Road East and Stackhouse Avenue. Stackhouse Avenue is a neighbourhood connector road. The lands to the west and east of the site consist primarily of one to two (1-2) storey single family dwellings. The lands to the south comprise of a one storey commercial use, and lands to the north are currenlty vacant.

# 1.4 Current Planning Information (see more detail in Appendix D)

- Official Plan Designation Multi-Family, Medium Density Residential
- The London Plan Place Type Neighbourhoods
- Existing Zoning Holding Restricted Office/Convenience Commercial/Residential R8 Special Provision (h-5/h-18/RO2/CC5(1)/R8-4(60)/B0-70) Zone

#### 1.5 Site Characteristics

- Current Land Use -single detached dwelling
- Frontage –30.4m (99.7 feet) along Fanshawe Park Road East
- Depth 131.8m (432 feet) along Stackhouse Avenue
- Area 0.68 ha
- Shape 'L' shaped

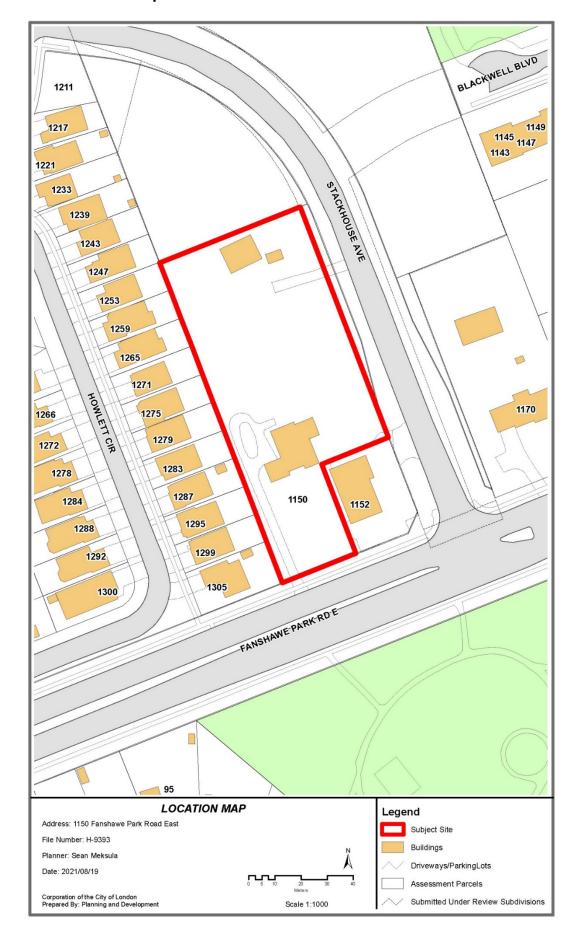
### 1.6 Surrounding Land Uses

- North low density residential
- East existing and future residential
- South park
- West existing residential

### 1.7 Intensification (identify proposed number of units)

 87 residential units are inside of the 2016 built-area boundary and inside of the Primary Transit Area

### 1.8 Location Map

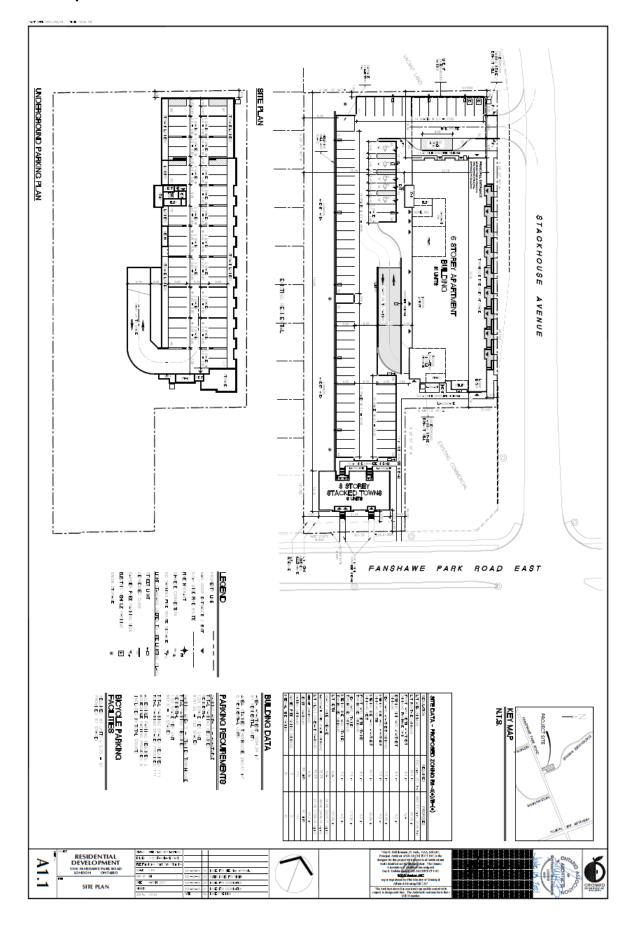


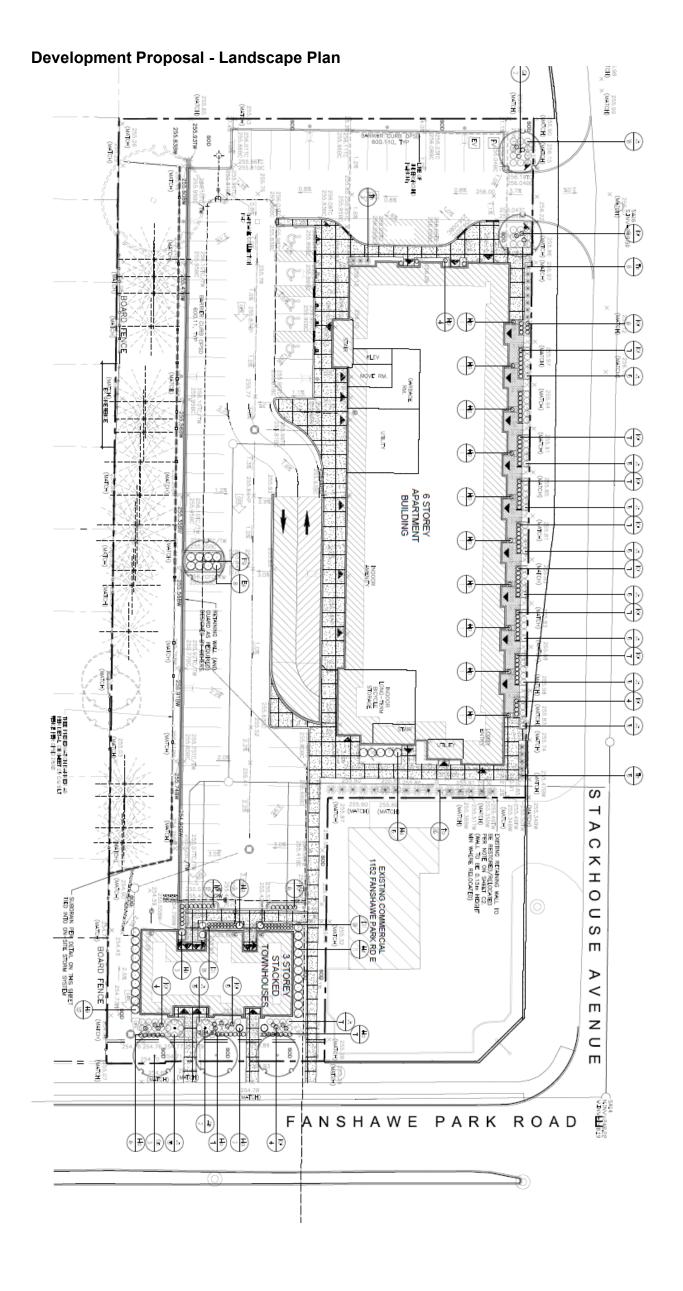
### 2.0 Discussion and Considerations

The Site Plan shows a six (6) storey, 81-unit residential apartment building and a three (3) storey stacked townhouse with 6-units. The parking area is located to the west and north of the buildings which contains a total one hundred and eleven (111) vehicular

spaces. With sixty-five (65) surface parking space and forty-six (46) underground parking spaces. One (1) vehicular access is located from Stackhouse Avenue. Pedestrian access to the building is provided from Stackhouse Avenue and Fanshawe Park Road East. Long term bicycle parking and garbage storage are located internal to the building. Privacy fencing (1.8 metre board on board) is proposed along the west property line. Existing mature trees along the north and west property lines are to be preserved and additional tree and plant material are proposed. The proposed development is located in close proximity to public transit.

### Conceptual Site Plan - 1550 Fanshawe Park Road East





#### 2.1 Requested Amendment

The Applicant is requesting the removal of the h-5, and h-18 holding provisions on the site.

#### 2.2 Community Engagement (see more detail in Appendix B)

On June 17, 2021 a notice of the application was published in the Public Notices and Bidding Opportunities section of The Londoner. No comments were received in response to the Notice of Application.

### 2.3 Policy Context (see more detail in Appendix C)

The Planning Act permits the use of holding provisions to restrict future uses until conditions for removing the holding provision are met. To use this tool, a municipality must have approved Official Plan policies related to its use, a municipal council must pass a zoning by-law with holding provisions, an application must be made to council for an amendment to the by-law to remove the holding symbol, and council must make a decision on the application within 150 days to remove the holding provision(s).

The City's Official Plan and the new London Plan also contain policies with respect to holding provisions, the process, and notification and removal procedures.

# 3.0 Financial Impact/Considerations

Through the completion of the works associated with this application fees, development charges and taxes will be collected. There are no direct financial expenditures associated with this application.

### 4.0 Key Issues and Considerations

What is the purpose of the "h" holding provision and is it appropriate to consider its removal?

#### h-5 Holding Provision

The "h-5" holding provision states:

"To ensure that development takes a form compatible with adjacent land uses, agreements shall be entered into following public site plan review specifying the issues allowed for under Section 41 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, prior to the removal of the "h-5" symbol.""

The required public participation meeting was held at the Planning and Environment Committee (PEC) on September 20, 2021.

Several issues were raised at this meeting, including concerns around drainage, grading, noise, traffic, and no provision for drop-off area for visitors/residents, and privacy.

Site Plan staff have completed their review and ensured that these and other issues have been addressed in the approved plans. Engineering plans have been accepted that ensure drainage and grading will not negatively impact surrounding properties. Noise studies have been accepted by the City and recommendations from the study have been incorporated into the approved design details. Access and parking layout has been accepted, including a new provision for drop-off area in proximity to the main entrance. Privacy fencing and enhanced landscaped buffering has been included in the accepted plan.

The above public issues that were raised at public meeting have been addressed by staff and are incorporated in the recommended site plan.

#### h-18 Holding Provision

The "h-18" holding provision states that:

"To ensure that lands are assessed for the presence of archaeological resources prior to development. The proponent shall carry out an archaeological resource assessment of the entire subject property or identified part thereof and mitigate, through avoidance or documentation, adverse impacts to any significant archaeological resources found, to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, and the City of London. No grading or other soil disturbance shall take place on the subject property prior to the issuance of a letter of clearance by the City of London Planning Division. The property will be assessed by a consultant archaeologist, licensed by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990); and any significant sites found will be properly mitigated (avoided, excavated or the resource protected), prior to the initiation of construction, servicing, landscaping or other land disturbances. The condition will also be applied where a previous assessment indicates the presence of significant archaeological resources but mitigation has not been carried out."

A Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment was submitted as part of the site plan application. The assessment found no archaeological resources and recommended no further study on the subject site. A letter from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport was provided. This satisfies the removal of the "h-18" holding provision.

### Conclusion

The applicant has satisfied the requirements to remove the "h-5", and "h-18" holding provisions. As noted above, the applicant has entered into a development agreement for this site, a public meeting was held before Planning and Environment Committee, and an archaeological assessment with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport sign-off was submitted. Therefore, the removal of the holding provisions are recommended to Council for approval.

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Appendix A

Bill No.(number to be inserted by Clerk's Office) 2022

By-law No. Z.-1-22\_\_\_\_\_

A by-law to amend By-law No. Z.-1 to remove the holding provision from the zoning of lands located at 1150 Fanshawe Park Road East.

WHEREAS Stackhouse Developments (London) Inc. has applied to remove the holding provisions from the zoning for lands located at 1150 Fanshawe Park Road East, as shown on the map attached to this by-law, as set out below;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed appropriate to remove the holding provisions from the zoning of the said lands;

THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

- 1) Schedule "A" to By-law No. Z.-1 is amended by changing the zoning applicable to lands located at 1150 Fanshawe Park Road East, as shown on the attached map, comprising part of Key Map No. 103 to remove the holding provisions so that the zoning of the lands as a Restricted Office/Convenience Commercial/Residential R8 Special Provision (RO2/CC5(1)/R8-4(60)/B-70).
- 2. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

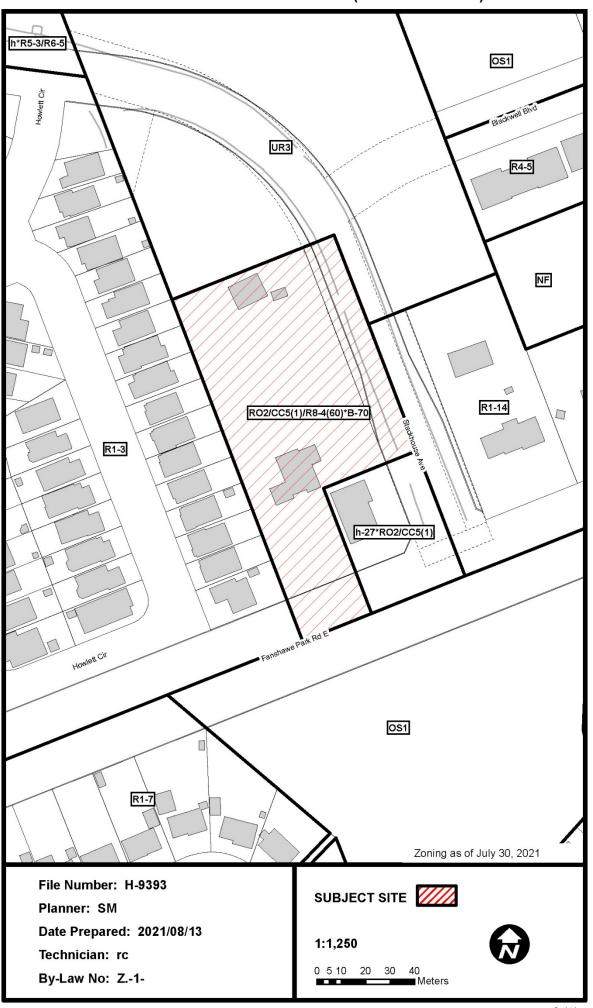
PASSED in Open Council on January 25, 2022

Ed Holder Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – January 25, 2022 Second Reading – January 25, 2022 Third Reading – January 25, 2022

# AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE "A" (BY-LAW NO. Z.-1)



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# **Appendix B – Public Engagement**

### **Community Engagement**

**Public liaison:** Notice of Application was also published in the *Public Notices and Bidding Opportunities* section of *The Londoner* on August 26, 2021.

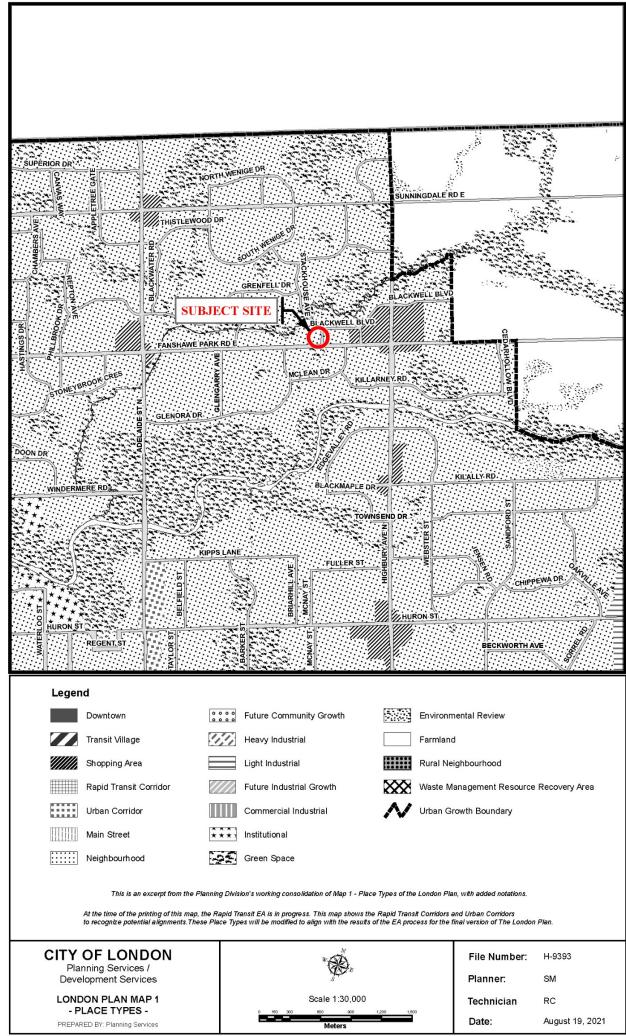
**Nature of Liaison:** City Council intends to consider removing the Holding ("h", "H-5" and "h-18") Provisions from the Holding Restricted Office/Convenience Commercial/Residential R8 Special Provision (h-5/h-18/RO2/CC5(1)/R8-4(60)/B0-70) Zone. The "h-5" provision is applied to ensure that that development takes a form compatible with adjacent land uses and requires a public site plan review. The "h-18" is to ensure that the lands are assessed for the presence of archaeological resources prior to development. Council will consider removing the holding provisions as it applies to these lands no earlier than October 12, 2021.

### **Agency/Departmental Comments**

None.

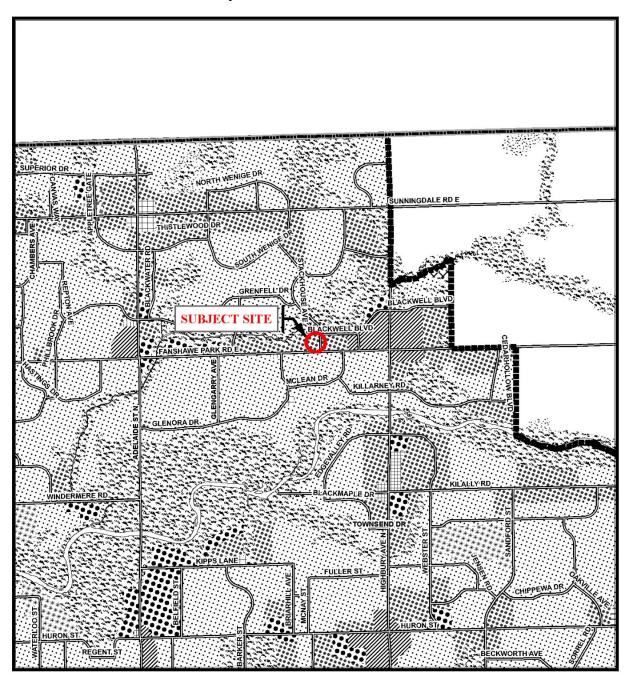
# **Appendix C- Relevant Background**

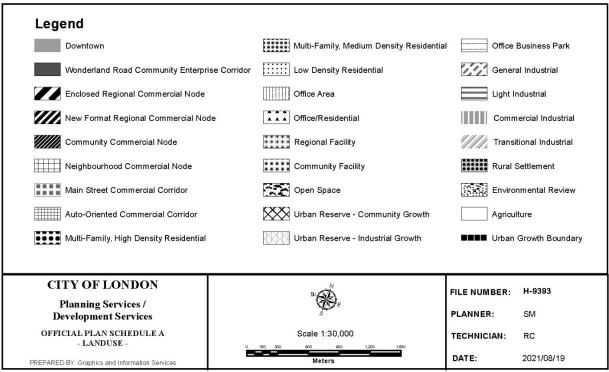
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# Official Plan Schedule "A" Excerpt





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### **Zoning by-law Map Excerpt**

