

January 28, 2022

The City of London
Planning Division
300 Dufferin Avenue
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Attention:

Dear Councillor Hopkins – Chair of London’s Planning and Environment Committee

RE: Beaufort/Gunn/Saunby/Essex Street Neighbourhood Secondary Plan

– Housekeeping Amendment to Secondary Plans

This letter is to advise that Western University is aware of the Notice of Public Hearing related to the above-referenced matter. The University, as an adjacent/included landowner, would like to express concerns related to any change, other than minor housekeeping aspects, to the BIGS Plan as we would want to ensure that the Western University properties included in the Plan are maintained such that it allows Western to use the lands as zoned for institutional uses (primarily housing).

We are aware of the need to increase densities and available housing in the City of London and have been supportive of the London Plan which involves appropriate increasing of housing densities. We are also aware of the Heritage designation for the 995 Western Road property and would respect that designation with any use deemed appropriate for those lands. We would also want to ensure that any designation of the Platt’s Lane Estates lands that are part of the BIGS Plan does not hinder us from increasing the housing densities for future use.

We hope that any “housekeeping” of the plan would not interfere with the existing Plan as laid out in 2016.

We would also like to ensure aspects that were in the draft plan do not re-enter the discussion as Western expressed concerns back in 2016 about the proposed “gateway” at the corner of Western Road and Platt’s Lane and how it might affect the siting of possible future buildings on the Platt’s Lane Estates property as well as a public path through the property at 995 Western Road.

Sincerely,



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Vice-President (Operations & Finance)