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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Airbnb Regulation

I live in the Orchard Park/Sherwood Forest area. The proposed airbnb expansion is not a welcome one. Our area is currently struggling with the increased presence of university students who are also short term renters. Noise levels have greatly proliferated, garbage is left unattended. There is also much increased vehicles parked overnight on streets and traffic, as well as endless party activity.

It has been suggested that people who seek airbnb services do so to attend meetings, avoid hotel fees, or as a short term-base to visit family. However, a search of who uses airbnb services in areas absent well-known destinations, shows most bookings are for get-togethers and gatherings...all busy and disruptive activities.

It is likely that law enforcement and bylaw regulators will be challenged to respond to neighbourhood airbnb complaints in a perceived timely manner, as resources are stretched and there will be no increase in services dedicated to respond to airbnb issues. Our neighbourhood has much experience contacting London police services, London bylaw compliance services, and Western Mediation to report ongoing disruptive university student issues. Often our public bylaw and enforcement services respond to ratepayers complaints long after the close of a three hour party ending at 4 am. These activities threaten neighbourhood values and the value of our neighbourhood.

It is disappointing to learn that our councillor (s) consider a solution to manage dis-regulated activities is limiting the airbnb franchise to home-owners for renting out rooms or whole houses. This is clearly not a solution-driven response to concerns over the diminishing quality of life for our communities. Currently, at least 3 of the student houses on Rollingwood Circle have home-owners on site, as parents purchase houses for their undergraduate children, who are named as the home-owner and who do not contribute positively to our neighbourhood. Councillors who believe that a few airbnbs will have no negative impact on their neighbourhoods are uninformed or unconcerned about the current concerns over changing community environments primarily due to the rise of student itinerantes in formerly stable neighbourhoods.

On Saint Patrick's Day, I happened to be driving across Ward 6. The amount of street parties, absent a police presence, was unnerving. Things like walking on the road in neighbourhoods and consuming alcohol, screaming and shouting, cars honking, and in observed instances, public urination, were celebratory markers of the day. How will increased gathering sites, provided by airbnb, do anything other than contribute to the unravelling of community life. Perhaps council's mandate is to increase London's profile as a party town. It is actually our representative's job to address neighbourhood health and well-being and to serve their constituents. It is not to wring their hands over outsized street parties, placate anti-social behaviour or to be beholden to a shiny new business interest..

Sincerely,

M. Beattie: Home-owner