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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 197 Ann Street (Kent Brewery) and 183 Ann Street (Brewer's House)

Dear Mayor Holder and City Councillors:

My name is Hayley Caldwell. I give my consent for this letter to appear on the public City Council agenda.

I wrote the Western University *Public History Heritage Designation Report*, '197 Ann Street: Evaluation of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest' (December 2017). This report was written in 2017 before the current development was proposed. The conclusion of my report then was that 197 Ann Street significantly merited designation.

Since 2017, even more information has become available that strengthens this assessment. There are very few intact 19th century brewery buildings left in Canada. 197 Ann Street (the Kent Brewery building), built approximately in 1859, may be the second oldest intact brewery building in Canada. Along with flour milling and lumbering, brewing stands as one of the Canada's earliest industries. The brewing history in London is significant on a national scale with some of the largest breweries in Canadian history, Labatt and Carling, having their roots here. Brewers that were able to do well in their own local markets were well situated when the Canadian Pacific Rail came through to be able to transport ale across the country and dominate larger ones. London's dynamic licensed liquor trade, pronounced military presence, and its rising population were enticing factors for the several brewers who arrived on the local scene during the 1840s.

Under the 9/06 Physical and Design criteria, this makes it a very *early* example of its type.

The Kent Brewery site likely also constitutes one of only two breweries that remain in Canada with an intact brewer's house adjacent to the brewery.

Under the 9/06 Physical and Design criteria, this makes it a very *rare* example of its type.

Accordingly, 197 Ann Street and 183 Ann Street together constitute a site of national (and not simply regional), cultural heritage value or interest.

Heritage designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act is the appropriate tool to enable Council to have control over the form that the incorporation of these heritage assets takes, through the Heritage Alteration Permit process.

I urge Council to support the staff recommendation to designate 183 Ann Street and 197 Ann Street. Failing to designate these structures would be extremely short sighted and a great loss for future generations. These buildings must be protected and are irreplaceable.

Sincerely,

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