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Members of City Council
City of London, Ontario
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, ON N6B 1Z2

RE: RECOMMENDED DESIGNATION OF BUILDINGS AT 183 AND 197 ANN STREET

To Members of the London City Council:

I am writing in support of the recommendation from the Director of Planning and Development that the built heritage resources at 183 and 197 Ann Street be designated under Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The designations are important for many reasons:

1. As the purpose-built Kent Brewery, one of the breweries that made London a center of the beer industry throughout much of London's history;
2. As the brewer's home, located adjacent to the brewery in a manner common before the advent of the automobile;
3. As an explanation of many workers' homes located near the site, comprising part of an area listed as a. potential Heritage Conservation District in the City's Council-approved guideline document, the second volume of *Heritage Places*;
4. As a remnant of the industrial district once clustered around Carling Creek, which flowed from Lake Horn, further to the east, to the north branch of the Thames River.

My last observation goes beyond the immediate issues of designation. It would be desirable to mark the location of Carling Creek in some way; it is now shown by a depression in the ground adjacent to the Kent Brewery building. In my home town of Kalamazoo, Michigan, the Arcadia Creek, which functioned in a manner similar to Carling Creek, was completely uncovered and encased in a canal-like border visible from the many bridges that cross it. The resurrected creek forms one of the City's attractions, both in itself and as the center of the attractively restored and readapted industrial / commercial buildings in its neighbourhood. I am not suggesting such a radical intervention in connection with Carling Creek, but some recognition of its historical position could be both a striking addition to a new development and a relevant symbol of the other nearby industries that once helped form the surrounding community.

Thank you for your serious consideration of these matters.

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