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File No: Z-7944
Planner: E. Lalande

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
FROM:	JOHN M. FLEMING DIRECTOR OF LAND USE PLANNING AND CITY PLANNER
SUBJECT:	APPLICATION BY: CEDAR AUTO OF LONDON LTD. 2170 WHARNCLIFFE ROAD SOUTH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING NOVEMBER 28, 2011

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Land Use Planning and City Planner, based on the application of Cedar Auto of London Ltd. relating to a portion of the subject land located at 2170 Wharncliffe Road South, the attached proposed by-law **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting on November 28, 2011 to amend Zoning By-law No. Z.-1 in conformity with the Official Plan to change the zoning of the subject land **FROM** a h-17.AC2 Zone which permits a range of commercial, and residential uses **TO** a h-17•h-(*)•AC2() Zone to permit the additional use of automobile sales and service establishment. The h-17 holding provision requires water and sanitary services prior to development, with the exception of dry uses on approved private sanitary services. The h-(*) holding provision requires that urban design and comprehensive traffic patterns in the area be considered during the site plan review process and a development agreement be entered into prior to development to ensure the orderly development of the site.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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October 17, 2011 – 2170 Wharncliffe Road South

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The requested amendment is to facilitate the development of an automobile sales and service establishment on the northeast portion of the subject property by adding that use to the existing permitted uses with an interim use of a trailer for automobile sales for no greater than 4 years.

RATIONALE

1. The recommended amendment to allow for automobile sales establishment is consistent with the *Provincial Policy Statement, 2005*
2. The recommended amendment is in keeping with the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan, in particular policies related to Chapter 4 – Commercial Land Use Designations.
3. The recommended amendment is in keeping with the general intent of the Zoning By-law.
4. The proposed automobile sales establishment is appropriate development and consistent with land uses in the area.

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BACKGROUND

The application was previously considered by the Built and Natural Environment Committee on October 17, 2011. This is noted as the legislated public meeting and Committee heard from Planning staff, the applicant and members of the public. Committee referred the application back to staff for the following reasons:

1. To address environmental and engineering concerns regarding storm water management.
2. To coordinate with the UTRCA regarding possible solutions;
3. To include added comments from Transportation Engineering to the proposed amendment; and
4. To advise Mr. D. Bluhm, local resident, of changes to the proposed zoning by-law amendment as part of its additional review.

Planning staff expeditiously facilitated a meeting with the applicants and came up with a solution acceptable by both parties. As such, the following lists how Committee's concerns have been addressed.

1. The applicant has submitted to the City assurances, through a stamped engineer's letter that quality and quantity of storm water will not have an adverse impact on the Thornicroft Drain or the watershed. This letter has been reviewed by and is to the satisfaction of the Engineering staff.
2. The UTRCA has been contacted and has no concerns with the solution proposed.
3. Transportation staff comments have been incorporated in to the draft amendment; and
4. Mr. D. Bluhm has been advised of the proposed solutions regarding this application.

In addition, Planning staff has prepared a draft zoning by-law amendment, included with this report, to reflect a compound zone which will allow the use to exist with a temporary trailer for no greater than four (4) years; thereafter a permanent structure would be required if the use is to continue. The construction of a permanent structure will trigger the requirement for a site plan review process to be conducted. Through the site plan review process, concerns such traffic, access, lighting etc. raised by Mr. Bluhm will have the opportunity to be addressed. Based specifically on Committee's request, Mr. Bluhm will be invited to provide additional input to the site plan process and a note on file will be placed to this effect.

No further planning applications would be required as part of this transition, provided the building maintains established setbacks for the zone. This was noted as an option by the Director of Land Use Planning to encourage development on the site at the committee meeting on October 17, 2011.

SIGNIFICANT DEPARTMENT/AGENCY COMMENTS

Storm Water Management Unit: the Storm Water Management Unit will not require a hold on the property to ensure storm drains service the lot; providing that the receipt of a letter from a qualified professional (stamped engineering letter) be received and reviewed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, for the purposes of demonstrating that storm water quality and quantity will not be compromised in the area and downstream.

As a result, a letter has been provided to City staff and approved for the purposes of this application. This letter only satisfies the establishment of a car sales use and a temporary sales trailer. Permanent structures, including the addition of a service bay, would be subject to Site Plan Review and require further storm water review. Staff is satisfied that the letter provided protects the environmental and functional interests of the City.

PUBLIC LIAISON:	D. Bluhm	1
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<p>Nature of Liaison: At the public meeting, expressed concerns regarding lights, traffic among other concerns, staff and the applicant committed to providing Mr. Bluhm to the resolution of the issues.</p>
<p>Responses: Mr. Bluhm was contacted regarding the above noted solutions and expressed continued concern with the establishment of a trailer and auto sales establishment with respect to impacts from lights and traffic.</p>

ANALYSIS

On October 17, 2011 a detailed report including a full planning analysis, mapping and site characteristics for this application was presented to Committee and is attached to this report as Appendix A. This cover report to the Built and Natural Environment Committee explains the changes from the original report based on new information received since October 17, 2011.

CONCLUSION

Planning staff considers the application as presented to represent appropriate development for the area and good planning. As such, Planning staff is of the opinion that the proposal to amend the Zoning By-law to facilitate the establishment of an Automobile Sales and Service Establishment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005 and maintains the general intent of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law for the City of London, subject to the inclusion of holding provisions for servicing and urban design components.

Therefore, Planning staff recommends the approval of amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law. Planning staff has included, as attached to this report as Appendix B, draft amendments for Council's consideration on this matter.

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SUBMITTED BY:	
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“APPENDIX A”

Bill No. (number to be inserted by Clerk's Office)
2011

By-law No. Z.-1-_____

A by-law to amend By-law No. Z.-1 to rezone an area of land located 2170 Wharnccliffe Road South.

WHEREAS Cedar Auto of London Ltd. has applied to rezone land portion of land located at 2170 Wharnccliffe Road South, as shown on the map attached to this by-law, as set out below;

AND WHEREAS this rezoning conforms to the Official Plan

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

Schedule “A” to By-law No. Z-1 is amended by changing the zoning applicable to part of the lands located at 2170 Wharnccliffe Road South, as shown on the attached map comprising part of Key Map No. (168) from an Arterial Commercial holding provision (h-17 AC2) Zone to an Arterial Commercial holding provision (h-17•h-(*)•AC2()) Zone

- 1) Section Number 26.4c) of the Arterial Commercial (AC2) Zone Variation to By-law No. Z.-1 is amended by adding the following Special Provision:

-) AC2()

- a) Additional Permitted Uses:

- i) Automobile Sales and Service Establishment, associated with a permanent structure or building.
- ii) Automobile Sales Establishment, associated with a temporary sales trailer prior to December 5, 2015.

- 2) Section Number 3.8(2) of the Holding Zone Provisions Section to By-law No. Z.-1 is amended by adding the following holding provision:

- _) h-__ Purpose: to ensure the orderly development of the site the following items shall be addressed through site plan review and a development agreement be entered into by the owner/developer and the City of London:

- a) Urban design objectives through the submission of an urban design brief and building elevations; and
- b) Provision for joint access with the property to the east of the subject site.

This By-law shall come into force and be deemed to come into force in accordance with subsection 34(21) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13*, either upon the date of the passage of this by-law or as otherwise provided by the said subsection.

PASSED in Open Council on December 5, 2011.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

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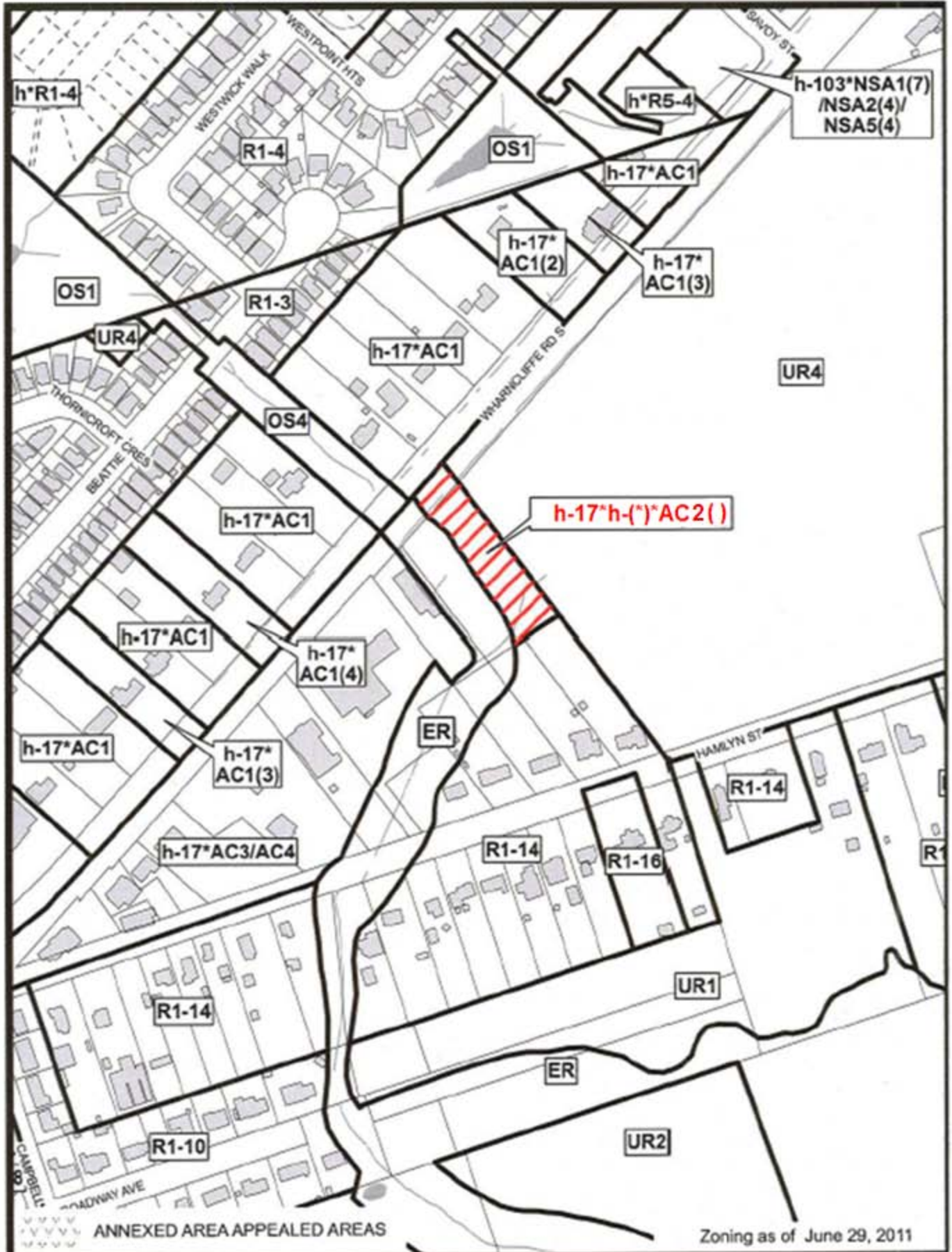
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Third Reading - December 5, 2011

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



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Planner: MH
Date Prepared: 2011/07/26
Technician: CK
By-Law No: Z-1-

SUBJECT SITE 

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“APPENDIX B”

	CHAIR AND MEMBERS BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT:	APPLICATION BY: CEDAR AUTO OF LONDON LTD. 2170 WHARNCLIFFE ROAD SOUTH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING ON OCTOBER 17, 2011

RECOMMENDATION

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None

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

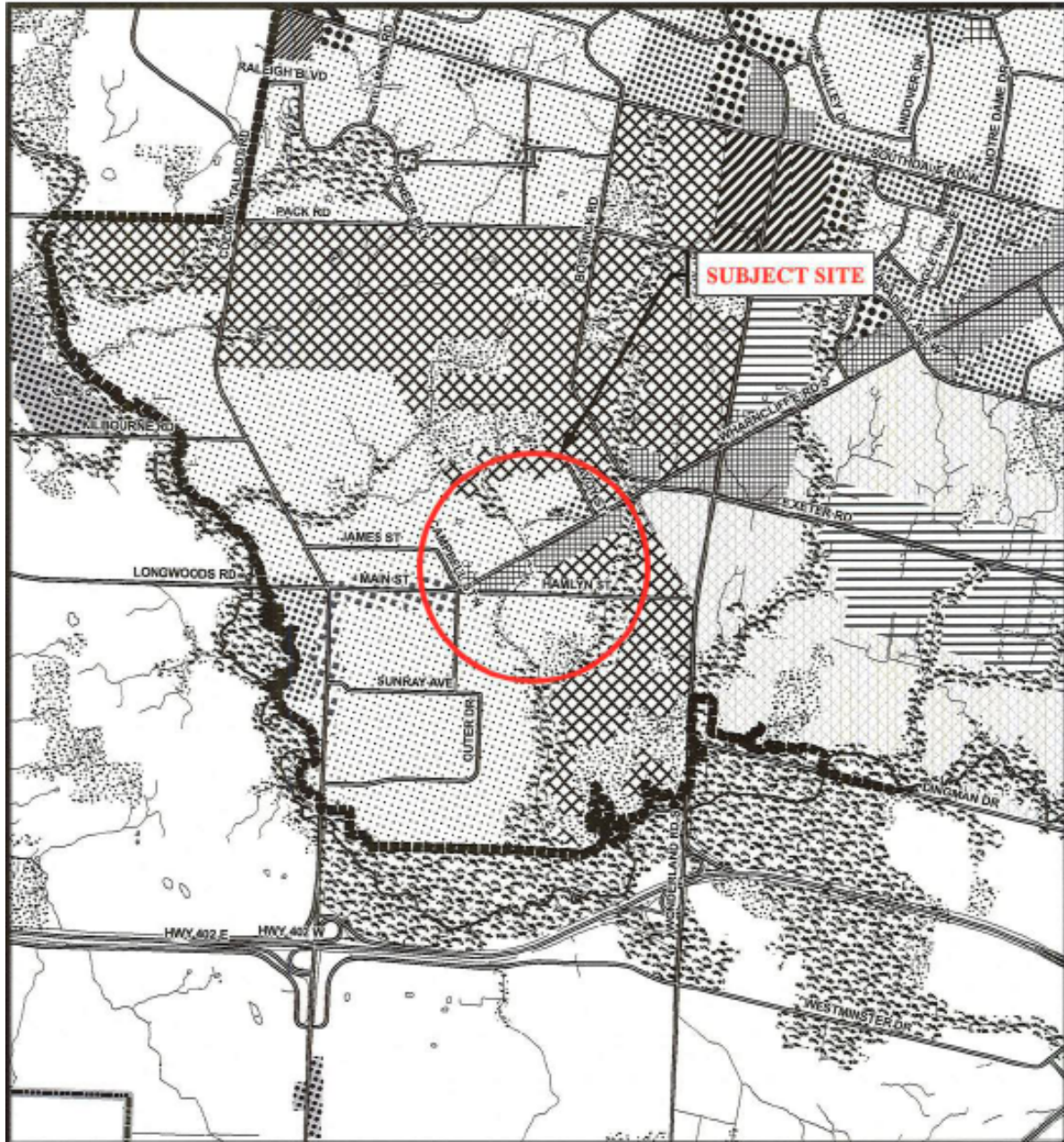
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RATIONALE

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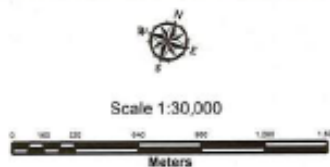


Legend

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| Downtown Area | Office Business Park |
| Enclosed Regional Commercial Node | General Industrial |
| New Format Regional Commercial Node | Light Industrial |
| Community Commercial Node | Regional Facility |
| Neighbourhood Commercial Node | Community Facility |
| Main Street Commercial Corridor | Open Space |
| Auto-Oriented Commercial Corridor | Urban Reserve - Community Growth |
| Multi-Family, High Density Residential | Urban Reserve - Industrial Growth |
| Multi-Family, Medium Density Residential | Rural Settlement |
| Low Density Residential | Environmental Review |
| Office Area | Agriculture |
| Offices/Residential | Urban Growth Boundary |
| | Areas Under Appeal |

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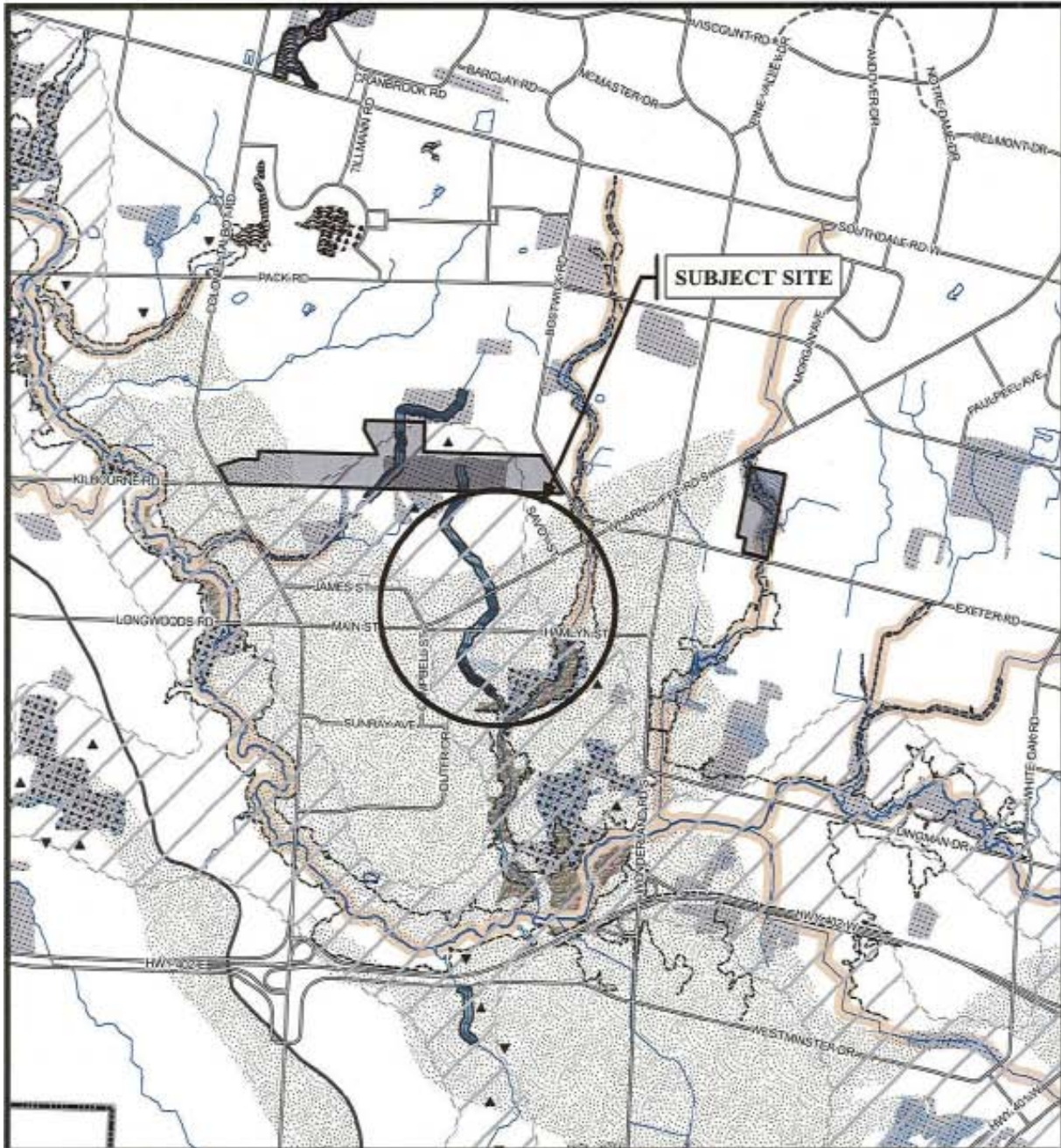
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NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM

-  ESAs
-  Potential ESAs
-  Significant Woodlands
-  Woodlands
-  Unevaluated Vegetation Patches
-  Significant River, Stream, and Ravine Corridors
-  Unevaluated Stream and Ravine Corridors
-  Provincially Significant Wetlands
-  Locally Significant Wetlands
-  Unevaluated Wetlands
-  Potential Naturalization Areas
-  Potential Upland Corridors
-  Ground Water Recharge Areas

NATURAL HAZARDS

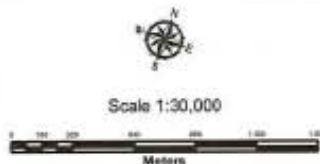
-  Maximum Hazard Line
- NOTE 1: Hazard Lines shown on this map are approximate. The precise delineation of hazard line mapping available from the Conservation Authority having jurisdiction.
- NOTE 2: Flood Fringe mapping for certain areas of the city is available from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority.

Base Map Features

-  Railways
-  Water Courses/Ponds
-  Streets (refer to Schedule "C")
-  Conservation Authority Boundary
-  Subwatershed Boundary
-  Big Picture Meta-Cores and Meta-Corridors
-  Areas Under Appeal

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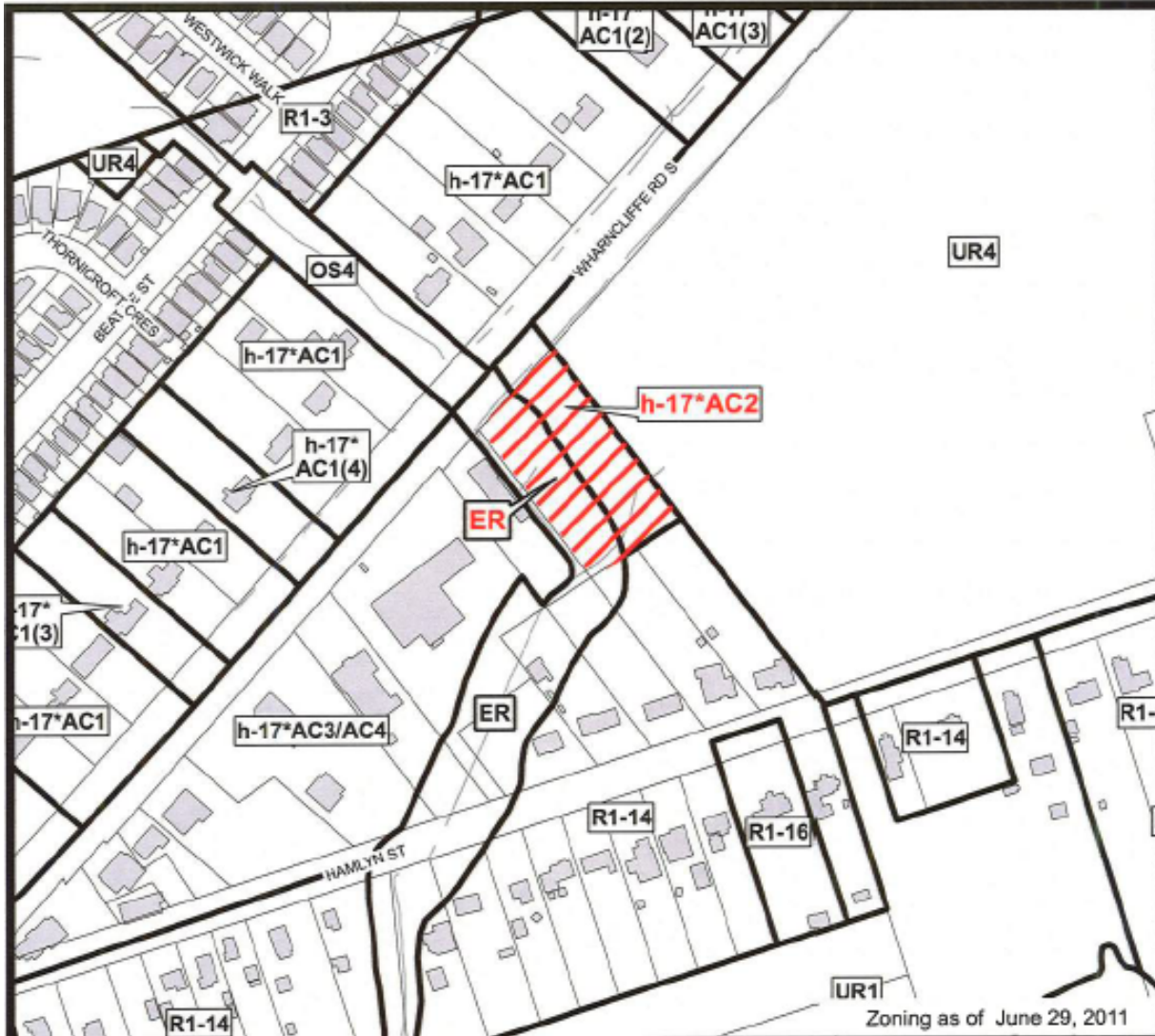
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COUNCIL APPROVED ZONING FOR THE SUBJECT SITE: h-17*AC2 & ER

1) **LEGEND FOR ZONING BY-LAW Z-1**

- R1 - SINGLE DETACHED DWELLINGS
- R2 - SINGLE AND TWO UNIT DWELLINGS
- R3 - SINGLE TO FOUR UNIT DWELLINGS
- R4 - STREET TOWNHOUSE
- R5 - CLUSTER TOWNHOUSE
- R6 - CLUSTER HOUSING ALL FORMS
- R7 - SENIOR'S HOUSING
- R8 - MEDIUM DENSITY/LOW RISE APTS.
- R9 - MEDIUM TO HIGH DENSITY APTS.
- R10 - HIGH DENSITY APARTMENTS
- R11 - LODGING HOUSE

- DA - DOWNTOWN AREA
- RSA - REGIONAL SHOPPING AREA
- CSA - COMMUNITY SHOPPING AREA
- NSA - NEIGHBOURHOOD SHOPPING AREA
- BDC - BUSINESS DISTRICT COMMERCIAL
- AC - ARTERIAL COMMERCIAL
- HS - HIGHWAY SERVICE COMMERCIAL
- RSC - RESTRICTED SERVICE COMMERCIAL
- CC - CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL
- SS - AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATION
- ASA - ASSOCIATED SHOPPING AREA COMMERCIAL

- OR - OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL
- OC - OFFICE CONVERSION
- RO - RESTRICTED OFFICE
- OF - OFFICE

- RF - REGIONAL FACILITY
- CF - COMMUNITY FACILITY
- NF - NEIGHBOURHOOD FACILITY
- HER - HERITAGE
- DC - DAY CARE

- OS - OPEN SPACE
- CR - COMMERCIAL RECREATION
- ER - ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

- OB - OFFICE BUSINESS PARK
- LI - LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
- GI - GENERAL INDUSTRIAL
- HI - HEAVY INDUSTRIAL
- EX - RESOURCE EXTRACTIVE
- UR - URBAN RESERVE

- AG - AGRICULTURAL
- AGC - AGRICULTURAL COMMERCIAL
- RRC - RURAL SETTLEMENT COMMERCIAL
- TGS - TEMPORARY GARDEN SUITE
- RT - RAIL TRANSPORTATION

- "h" - HOLDING SYMBOL
- "d" - DENSITY SYMBOL
- "H" - HEIGHT SYMBOL
- "B" - BONUS SYMBOL
- "T" - TEMPORARY USE SYMBOL

2) ANNEXED AREA APPEALED AREAS

CITY OF LONDON
 PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

ZONING BY-LAW NO. Z-1
SCHEDULE A



THIS MAP IS AN UNOFFICIAL EXTRACT FROM THE ZONING BY-LAW WITH ADDED NOTATIONS

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MAP PREPARED:
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BACKGROUND

Date Application Accepted: July 8, 2011	Agent: Stephen Cornwell
<p>REQUESTED ACTION: To amend Zoning By-law No. Z.-1 in conformity with the Official Plan to change the zoning of the subject land FROM a h-17.AC2 Zone which permits a range of commercial, and residential uses TO a h-17.AC2 () Zone to permit the additional use of automobile sales and service establishment.</p>	
SITE CHARACTERISTICS:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Land Use: Vacant • Frontage: 60.1 metres (197 feet) • Depth: 110 metres (361 feet) • Area: 6920 square metres (1.6 acres) • Shape: Irregular Rectangle 	

SURROUNDING LAND USES:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North: Agriculture - cash crops • South: Commercial - multi use plaza • East: Residential - low density • West: Residential - low density 	

OFFICIAL PLAN DESIGNATION: (refer to map on page 2 and 34)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule A: Auto Oriented Commercial Corridor • Schedule B: Unevaluated Stream and Ravine Corridor (B1) Riverine Hazard Limit for Unconfined Systems (B2) • Schedule C: Wharncliffe Road South – Arterial Road 	
EXISTING ZONING: (refer to map on page 4)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arterial Commercial – holding provision 17 (h-17.AC2) <p>The holding provision is to ensure the orderly development of lands and the adequate provision of municipal services, the "h-17" symbol shall not be deleted until full municipal sanitary sewer and water services are available to service the site.</p> <p>Permitted <i>Interim Uses</i>: Dry uses on individual sanitary facilities permitted by the applied Zone.</p>	

PLANNING HISTORY

The subject property includes the entire property known municipally as 2170 Wharncliffe Road, as shown on page 4 of this report. For reference purposes the “subject land” refers to the northeast portion of the property which is currently zoned h-17 AC2.

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The subject property is located along Wharncliffe Road South, an Arterial Road, northeast of and in close proximity to the Lambeth area and is the end lot in a strip of existing commercially designated lands on the south side of the road in this area. The property was used previously as a car wash establishment. The car wash structure has been demolished and the land currently sits vacant. The property was purchased in April 2011 by the current owner and applicant.

The subject property is relatively flat with a slight slope towards a drainage ditch that runs along the southwest portion of the property. The drain is located on the adjacent property and is identified as the Thornicorft Drain. It is regulated by the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority. The regulatory area of the drain consumes roughly the southwesterly half of the subject property. The proposed development on the subject land is seeking to develop on the northeasterly portion of the property. A portion of the regulated area of the Upper Thames Conservation Authority extends into the area proposed to be amended and developed.

SIGNIFICANT DEPARTMENT/AGENCY COMMENTS

Environmental & Engineering Services Department (EESD):

- *Stormwater management is concerned that there is currently no municipal storm sewer within the area. A holding is requested until adequate service is available due to the nature of the site.*

Parks Planning, Urban Forestry: *No comments received.*

London Hydro Engineering : *No objections.*

Upper Thames Regional Conservation Authority (UTRCA):

- *The UTRCA is currently developing a Source Protection Plan. Under the Clean Water Act, the UTRCA has the authority to include policies in the Source Protection Plan that may prohibit or restrict activities identified as posing a significant threat to drinking water. At this point the UTRCA cannot speculate what the Plan might dictate for the subject property.*
- *The UTRCA recommends that: the subject property is regulated and a permit will be required from the Authority prior to any site alteration or development within the regulated area.*

PUBLIC LIAISON:	On July 25, 2011, Notice of Application was sent to 24 property owners in the surrounding area. Notice of Application was also published in the "Living in the City" section of the London Free Press on Saturday, July 30, 2011. On September 27, 2011, Notice of Public Meeting was sent to 24 property owners in the surrounding area.	3 Responses
Nature of Liaison:	The purpose and effect of this zoning change is to change the zoning on 2170 Wharncliffe Road South to permit used automobile sales. Possible amendment to the Zoning By-law Z.-1 FROM Holding Arterial Commercial (h-17*AC2) Zone TO Holding Arterial Commercial Special Provision (h-17*AC2(_)) Zone.	
Responses:	Two telephone responses were received by members of the public with concerns around the details regarding fencing. Additional concern was raised regarding the use as not being an "attractive neighbour" or as being a "strange use" given the adjacent kids clothing store. A letter was received by Mr. & Mrs. Bluhm raised concerns regarding the subject lands as a used car lot. Specifically expressed concerns with lights shining towards their bedroom (residential across the street on Wharncliffe Road South) as well as extra traffic to the site. The letter was signed by five local residents, included in this report.	

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ANALYSIS

Planning staff conducted a series of site visits. The most recent visit was conducted on September 24, 2011.

Provincial Policy Statement, 2005

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2005 provides policy guidance regarding all land use planning and development matters. The PPS encourages building strong, healthy and sustainable communities. Additionally, the PPS provides for the accommodation of an appropriate range and mix of uses including, among others, commercial uses to meet long-term needs. The PPS further encourages the redevelopment of land to meet those needs.

While the policies of the PPS are broad and intended to guide local policies, Planning staff is of the opinion that the intent of the application is consistent with the goals of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005.

City of London Official Plan

The Official Plan, as a whole, is the municipal tool that provides land use direction to all areas within the City of London. The subject land is designated by the Official Plan as *Auto Oriented Commercial Corridor*. This designation is intended to provide for a broad range of commercial uses across the City that are not suited for higher order commercial nodes or main street commercial corridors. Automotive uses and services are listed permitted uses within this designation and are appropriate for these areas based on building form, site area, and catering to single purpose shopping trips. This area is located on an arterial road and forms a grouping of other commercial services along Wharnccliffe Road South. Specifically, Auto Oriented Commercial Corridors are primarily intended to consist of a mix of retail, auto and commercial uses, office and remnant residential uses. Given that the previous land use was similarly purposed for auto related activities, Planning staff considers this to be redevelopment and not an extension to the existing strip of commercial development.

The Official Plan considers automotive related uses and services to be appropriate for Auto Oriented Commercial Corridors. Planning staff is of the opinion that the proposed land use of this application is appropriate and meets the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan.

Southwest London Area Plan Study

The subject property is located within the study area for the Southwest London Area Plan. While the Southwest Area Plan is still in its draft form, consideration of the preferred direction of the Plan is important in protecting the overall vision for the area. As part of the draft Plan to date, the subject lands are to be located within an area contemplated for retail use. In order to ensure development of this site is compatible with the Southwest London Area Plan's long range policy intent, Planning staff recommends that, through the site plan approval process, urban design considerations be included to develop the site in a manner that is consistent with the area's planned building typology within the Southwest London Area Plan.

Further, the Thornicroft drain is to be developed as part of the open space network through this Area Plan. Measures to protect the interface between the proposed development on this site and drain should be incorporated through the site plan process by providing appropriate landscaping.

City of London Zoning By-law

The subject property is currently split zoned. The northeast portion of the property, as shown on page 4, is zoned Arterial Commercial (h-17 AC2), while the southwest portion of property is zoned Environmental Review (ER). The application proposes to rezone only the land currently zoned Arterial Commercial. The Environmental Review (ER) zone is to remain intact.

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The Arterial Commercial range of zoning provides for and regulates a mix of small scale retail, office, service and residential uses located along arterial roads which serve both vehicular and pedestrian trade. Limited differentiation towards auto oriented land uses is appropriate in this location in concert with the existing Official Plan designation. Additionally, the subject property is limited by the existing environmental features adjacent to the subject land.

The proposed additional permitted use is and defined by the Zoning By-law as:

“AUTOMOBILE SALES AND SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT which means premises where new and used vehicles are stored or displayed for the purpose of sale, lease or hire and shall include the storage and sale of automotive accessories together with the repair and service of the vehicles. For the purpose of this definition, vehicle shall not include motorized construction equipment, farm equipment, truck bodies, truck tractors, or tractor trailers.”

Planning staff is of the opinion that, in order to protect the environmental features in the area, maintaining the Environmental Review zoning for the southwest portion of the subject land is critical. Planning staff is also of the opinion that the amendment protects the intent of the zoning by-law by maintaining the existing zone and introduces a permitted use that is appropriate for the property and the area.

Key Planning Considerations

This application encompasses for four critical planning issues: Environmental, Compatibility, Infrastructure and Site Design.

Environmental

As noted through this report, the intended area to be developed is outside the area regulated by the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority. As indicated in comments received by the UTRCA, there is the potential that results from their Sourcewater Protection Plan may limit development on the subject site. The site has not been identified as a significant threat to drinking water; however, the potential risk that the Sourcewater Protection Plan may limit development on the subject land shall be borne by the property owners.

Compatibility

Planning staff acknowledges the presence of residential land uses in proximity to the subject lands. However, the subject land has previously been used for commercial purposes; is part of a grouping of existing commercial uses; and is designated and intended for commercial purposes consistent with what is proposed. Further to this, an automobile sales establishment is located in close proximity along Wharncliffe Road South and to the northeast of the subject lands. As such, Planning staff recommends that the proposed automobile sales establishment is compatible in the area.

Infrastructure

As indicated by the Environmental and Engineering Services Department, there is a lack of municipal sewers servicing the subject land. Additionally, there is an existing holding provision placed on the property to be held until sanitary and water services are provided to the site. As part of this application, Planning staff recommends that the existing holding provision be replaced with a new holding provision to ensure that full municipal services are installed to service the subject land, including water, sanitary, and storm sewers.

Site Design

There are neighbour concerns regarding access, lighting (flood lights and vehicle lights) and traffic. To address concerns raised by neighbouring residents, Planning staff is of the opinion that these matters can be handled through innovative design and site plan control. Typically, as this is a commercial use, site plan control would be required to address these issues. Planning

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staff requests that urban design principles such as building massing, building-street interface, parking design and landscaping items be considered during the site plan process as this is currently the primary entry point to the Lambeth area from Wharncliffe Road South and is potentially contemplated for mixed use retail within the Southwest London Area Plan. Planning staff recommends that the development (including for outdoor storage and sale of vehicles) of this site receive site plan approval and that a holding provision be placed on the property until such approval is obtained.

CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis above, Planning staff considers the application as presented to represent appropriate development for the area and good planning. As such, Planning staff is of the opinion that the proposal to amend the Zoning By-law to facilitate the establishment of an Automobile Sales and Service Establishment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005 and maintains the general intent of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law for the City of London, subject to the inclusion of holding provisions for servicing and urban design components.

Therefore, Planning staff recommends the approval of amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law. Planning staff has included, as attached to this report, draft amendments for Council's consideration on this matter.

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