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Dear Ms. Musicco:

RE: Application OZ-8121 for 754, 764 Waterloo Street and 354 Oxford Street

The School Council of St. George's Public School, representing the interests of the school, is responding to Application OZ-8121, after consulting with our community members.

Our School Council does not oppose the development of a suitable business on these vacant lots that addresses our concerns for the safety and well-being of our children. Such safety considerations would include (but are not limited to) the flow of traffic; hours of operation; security; fencing; and lighting.

Traffic Flow

We are concerned with the risk and danger to which our children would be exposed from driver inattention. We request the driveway be situated along Oxford Street, as the Waterloo sidewalks are subject to greater traffic to and from school. Otherwise it is only a matter of time before a horrible, preventable tragedy occurs. The driveway also must be marked with large Stop signs.

Hours of Operation

Considering the Oxford Street sidewalks are also used by our students and families, we request the store not open until 9:30am. In this manner, we can get settled into the start of the school day in a safe manner.

Security

To manage the risk of an accident upon our students' return home from school, we request a security/crossing guard be engaged from 3:15-4:15pm each day to patrol the driveway. This person will also be responsible for monitoring unusual behavior of passersby with regard to any approaches to our children. This risk is always a concern, but the presence of the store may provide a "cover" for such undesirables to loiter.

Fencing

Given the close proximity to our school, we request a sizable fence, of pleasing aesthetics, be installed along the North & East sides of the property.

Lighting

The parking lot should be appropriately well-lit to discourage undesirable use of the parking lot after hours.

We also support the interests of the Bishop Hellmuth Community Association regarding fit with the architecture of the Bishop Hellmuth Heritage Conservation District.

In summary, although our School Council does not oppose, in principle, the rezoning of these properties we request that any approval include a provision that:

- new construction must address the safety concerns outlined above; and
- development of the site plan should proceed in consultation with the School Council of St. George's Public School.

We would appreciate being kept abreast of the approval process. I can be reached at or at 363 Grosvenor Street, London ON N6A 1Z2.

Yours truly,



Greg McCormack, Chair

On behalf of the Executive of School Council, St. George's Public School:

Tracy Cunningham, Vice-Chair
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