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Subject: [EXTERNAL] North Talbot letter re: 197 and 183 Ann St. heritage designation - Item for Direction 4.1.

Importance: High

Dear Planning and Environment Committee Members;

Re: 4.1 Items for Direction

183 and 197 Ann Street - Proposed Designation By-laws Under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act - Consideration of Objections

It would be much appreciated if you could please support the heritage planning staff on this issue, without political interference and without personal bias. That is the intent of the Ontario Heritage Act and the London Plan. It is important to understand that all of us are insignificant and one day we will all be gone. The only witness to our existence are the structures we leave behind. So please, do not take our collective heritage down with you.

Having lived in the area for over 22 years, these policies that destroy our heritage for one individual's personal profit has only contributed to the social decline in our community and this proposal will only further erode the quality of life experienced in the North Talbot Neighbourhood. As directed in the London Plan, development should work within these histories, and we would appreciate if you would respect and uphold your own policies. You don't need to leave a scorched earth just to build more luxury housing.

Sincerely,

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