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Please add my letter to the December 6th SPPC public agenda item:

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City of London Corporate Growth Projections 2021-2051

Dear Council Members,

The Population, Housing and Employment Growth Projection Study, 2021-2051 is already obsolete, in part, because it does not consider the impacts of Bill 23, climate change or the the gap between rich and poor which is growing larger and expected to widen going forward. It does not consider the fact that life expectation is declining for future generations from illnesses related to poverty, stress, pollution, lifestyle and new emerging illness released by climate change and environmental degradation. The birth rate is below the death rate and people enrolling into higher education is already declining as the stresses mentioned are global. The report is very generic and while reviewing past trends is reasonable, there is broad acknowledgement of a palpable shift that more profound stresses will dictated growth or the lack of.

Bill 23 if not challenged by municipalities, will plunge more and more residents into poverty because residents cannot absorb infrastructure costs related to new development. Municipalities are not structured or buffered to absorb these costs.

Most importantly Bill 23 is not enforceable by the province or tribunals or the courts, and it is worthwhile to explore all options because breaking the backs of residents will cause chaos going forward. Municipalities can and should reject development applications that are too expensive and burgeoning for residents. If these applications do not meet the housing needs of ALL residents, they should be rejected. This report does not explore the impacts of Bill 23 or climate change or the anticipation of increased poverty. If you haven't looked at those dominate issues, than you are just partial informed.

Sincerely,

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