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Subject: [EXTERNAL] 489 Upper Queen Development Proposal

Dear London Planning and Environment Committee Members & Mayor J. Morgan, E. Pelozo, A. Singh:

We are opposed to the development regarding 489 Upper Queen Street presented by Siv-ik and supported by the London Planning/Development Department. We will be attending the meeting at London City Hall, January 30th regarding file Z-9540.

We have written to the City of London previously, to express our concern that the development will increase traffic congestion at the Commissioners Rd and Ridout Street intersection, which will be exacerbated once the Ridout Street bridge is completed. Additionally, we are concerned about the design and number of units not being congruent with the existing neighborhood. Our concerns have been apparently dismissed by London's Planning/Development Department. This was not unexpected as we have long held the belief that Developers carry a lot of weight at London City Hall.

If London's Planning and Environment Committee approves the Siv-ik plan for 489 Upper Queen, then we suggest the additional abolishment of all R1 zoning in London, as apparently R1 zoning is only meaningful until a developer wishes a property/lot zoned R-5. There is some humor within this statement, but we hope you get the point.

A revision of the Siv-ik proposal is required. Their plan should incorporate the concerns of the affected citizens in both Ward 11 and 12 regarding this project. Since their original proposal, Siv-ik has essentially only reduced the number of units from eleven to ten. A one unit reduction in the number of units is insignificant and most certainly disrespectful of the concerns of the residents of the city to be affected by the project.

We respectfully request the City of London Planning and Environment Committee to reject the Siv-ik plan and refer it back to staff to incorporate the requests expressed by the London citizens concerned. An agreeable solution for all parties involved, should be attainable.

Sincerely,

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