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Mayor Joe Fontana and members of City Council,

We, the members of the Friends of Meadowlily Woods Community Association, understand that the issue of the development application brought to the city by PenEquity Development Company with respect to a large woodlot on Wellington Road South close to Dingman Drive is scheduled to go before the City Council of the City of London this Tuesday, August 27. We object to many aspects of this matter because they are in violation of the city's **Official Plan** with respect to such woodlots and wetlands (Chapter 15.4.2 & 5). Allowing this plan to move forward without a proper environmental impact study also ignores the natural heritage guidelines of the **Provincial Policy Statement** (Section 2.1ff including the definition of woodlands and wetlands). This is in violation of the city's own planning guidelines with respect to the protection of the large number of trees within this area of South London with regard to the Woodland Official Plan Amendment passed by city council and defended in the provincial and federal courts of Ontario and Canada. There is no such environmental impact study of the area in question.

We believe this fact excludes a development of the size proposed since the provincial protection standard for wetlands requires that the woodland and wetland be thoroughly evaluated before any development is allowed.

Due to the role that Environmentally Significant Areas plays in the issue, we feel a need to address these concerns with the City Council of the City of London before the upcoming meeting of that body.

We appreciate your attention to this matter,

Gary Smith  
President, Friends of Meadowlily Woods Community Association

**"Our Mission: To Preserve and Protect the Integrity of Meadowlily Woods"**