



Secretary to the Planning Committee
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Chairperson Bud Polhill and Members of the Planning Committee,

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 this committee again soon. We are concerned about this issue and many of our members believe that many aspects of this matter are in violation of the city's **Official Plan** with respect to such woodlots and natural areas (Chapter 15.4.5), ignores the natural heritage guidelines of the **Provincial Policy Statement** (Section 2.1ff including the definition of woodlands) and fails to meet the City of London by-law with respect to the protection of the 10,000 trees within this area of South London. We understand also that no environmental impact study of the area has been done, again in violation of the statutes and policies mentioned above.

We also understand that there is an **unevaluated wetland** within the property. We believe this fact excludes a development of the size proposed since the provincial protection standard for wetlands requires that this area be thoroughly evaluated before any development is allowed. It seems that more, independent and scientific research needs to be done before allowing this application to move forward.

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Many of our members have also expressed a concern that this part of south London has a surplus of commercial space for retail/commercial development. There are numerous vacant stores right in the immediate area under consideration. Any additional commercial development has the potential to do nothing more than take both commerce and jobs from other parts of the area and the city at large.

Due to the role that Environmentally Significant Areas plays in the issue, we feel a need to address these concerns with the Planning Committee when this referral comes before this body. We would appreciate having a copy of the agenda as soon as possible before the meeting. We also ask that Planning Committee please advise us as to the disposition of our request for delegate status.

We appreciate your attention to this request,

Gary Smith
President, Friends of Meadowlily Woods Community Association

“Our Mission: To Preserve and Protect the Integrity of Meadowlily Woods”