

AUGUST 19, 2013

PLANNING DEPT & CITY COUNCILLORS,
TO: CITY OF LONDON

RE: ZONING CHANGE - 982 GAINSBOROUGH RD.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD:

OVER THE PAST FIFTY YEARS WE HAVE OWNED EIGHT NEW HOMES & CONDOS, BUILT IN LONDON. WE FEEL WE HAVE "PAID OUR DUES" IN TAXES WHILE GIVING EMPLOYMENT TO MANY.

AS "SENIOR-SENIORS" WE HOPE TO LIVE AND TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES FOR THE REMAINDER OF OUR LIVES. CAREFULLY PLANNING, WE INVESTED IN AN "EASY TO CARE" FOR CONDO AT HYDE PARK. WE ENJOY OUR LARGE BALCONY, WIDE WINDOWS AND WONDERFUL VIEW, FACING NORTH. HOWEVER EXTREMELY HEAVY TRAFFIC ON HYDE PARK ROAD, AND CONSTANT SPEEDING ON GAINSBOROUGH ROAD IS DANGEROUS AND A REAL PROBLEM.

NEXT TO 982 GAINSBOROUGH (THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION) WE OVERLOOK A POPULAR ^{STORE} PRODUCE AND RESTAURANT. AT PEAK TIMES CARS ARE "LINED-UP" TRYING TO EXIT ON GAINSBOROUGH.

982 GAINSBOROUGH FROM OUR ABOVE VANTAGE POINT OF VIEW, LOOKS EXTREMELY NARROW FOR TWO-FIFTEEN STOREY BUILDINGS, PLUS BUILDINGS FOR COMPANIES AND A RESTAURANT, PLUS PARKING ETC. 500 RESIDENTS, PLUS, EXPECTED. ON THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING SITE IS ALREADY AN ESTABLISHED MEDICAL BUILDING. YOU MUST AGREE, A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC ONTO AN ALREADY BUSY ROAD, AND QUITE NEAR TO AN EXTREMELY BUSY INTERSECTION.

TO REVIEW:- HIGHLAND (BUILDER) ON THEIR BROCHURE - ADVERTISING, STATES "NO IMPACT INTERSECTION" - "PEDESTRIAN TRAVEL AND WALKABILITY" - THE ONE THAT REALLY HURT - - - "UNOBSTRUCTED VIEWS"

- OVER -

ARE APPROXIMATELY 80 OWNERS, INCLUDING US. WE WILL VIEW THE REAR PART OF THE TWO BUILDINGS -- THE BROCHURE SHOWS GARBAGE PICK-UP, CATERING ENTRANCE, PLAYGROUND, MAIL DELIVERY, PLUS OUTDOOR PARKING AND ENTRANCE TO UNDERGROUND PARKING. ALL THIS AT THE BACK OF THE WELL-LIT BUILDINGS. AS TAXPAYERS, FOR US, NOT AN IDEAL SITUATION.

APART FROM EVERYTHING, SUCH A MASSIVE PROJECT ON A BUSY ROAD DOESN'T SOUND REALISTIC. THE ECONOMY BEING WHAT IT IS ONE WONDERS HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO SELL SO MANY UNITS.

ONE WOULD THINK A PROJECT SUCH AS THIS SHOULD * BE AT LEAST ON A LARGER SIZE LOT... AND AT LEAST DELAYED UNTIL HYDE PARK ROAD AND CORONATION DRIVE EXTENSION IS COMPLETED. *

WE OPPOSE THE 982 GAINSBOROUGH PROJECT, AND HOPE YOU AGREE THAT OUR LAST PARAGRAPH * IS APPROPRIATE.

SINCERELY,
M. JOHNSON - *M. Johnson*

WITH APPRECIATION TO
OUR COUNCILLOR MATT BROWN
WHO AGREED TO READ THIS
ON OUR BEHALF.

PS. TO: THE PLANNING DEPT. AND CITY COUNCIL.

WE WILL BE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING YOUR DECISION
ON, FOR US, A VERY DISTURBING SITUATION.

MAY WE REQUEST A WRITTEN REPLY. THANK YOU.