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University Students' Council opposes new student housing development

LONDON, ON: On Wednesday, the University Students' Council made a formal request to the Planning and Development Department at the City of London imploring the city to not approve a severance application put forth by KAP Holdings regarding a new student housing development.

The new development, located at the corner of Huron Street and Audrey Avenue, contains four large, multi-unit dwellings that compromises the integrity and character of that traditionally low-density student and single-family neighbourhood.

“These new properties pay disrespect to the spirit of the homes in North London”, said David Simmonds, Vice-President University Affairs. The University Students' Council is banding with the Broughdale Community Association and Ward Councillor Nancy Branscombe in echoing this message.

Numerous neighbourhood associations have already expressed discontent with the application. “We want to help create liveable and vibrant student housing communities,” said Simmonds. “We hope this case will set a precedent for others to know that this type of development is not welcome in our university neighbourhoods”.

A public press conference, hosted by a neighbourhood coalition, will be held on Thursday, June 14th at 11:00AM at the corner of Huron Street and Audrey Avenue.

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