NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
BEFORE THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
for an OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION

The London Plan (File No. O-7938) – “Environmental Review” lands outside the Urban Growth Boundary.

In 2004, the City of London began a city-wide study of all woodlands in the agricultural area of the City that are outside the urban growth boundary to determine their level of ecological significance. This *Inventory and Evaluation of Woodlands* study was finalized in 2009 and included an extensive public process that involved property owners, the public and commenting agencies.

Since 1996, all woodlands outside the urban growth boundary have been designated as Environmental Review on Schedule A (Land Use Plan) of the current City of London Official Plan. The Environmental Review designation is temporary until this study is completed and updates are made to the Land Use Schedules. These updates to the Land Use Schedules will be made as part of the London Plan review process. A draft of the London Plan, including these amendments, will be presented to the Planning and Environment Committee in an upcoming meeting; please see details below.

By receiving this letter, you are being notified that the woodland(s) located on your property have been included within the study. *Your woodland was found not to be ecologically “Significant” and will be ultimately be re-zoned from Environmental Review (ER) to Agriculture (AG).*

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:**
The purpose and effect of the change is to recognize the significance of woodlands in the agricultural area and provide for their long term protection.

The results of the study were determined by application of criterion that measure ecological significance of woodlands as described in the City's Environmental Management Guidelines, consistent with the current Official Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement. For woodlands where no field data was available, a subset of criterion was applied through a desktop review to determine woodland significance. Woodlands must meet a minimum number of criteria to be deemed significant. To learn more about your woodland’s assessment please see the Patch Assessments posted online by May 30, 2015.

**POSSIBLE AMENDMENT AND PROPOSAL:**
Lands currently designated “Environmental Review” will be identified as “Green Space” in the London Plan for Significant Woodlands. Lands currently designated “Environmental Review” will be identified as “Farmland” in the London Plan for woodlands that were not determined to be significant.
PUBLIC MEETING:
Please be advised that the Planning & Environment Committee will consider the Official Plan land use changes as part of the London Plan Official Plan Amendment, at its meeting on Monday, June 22, 2015 no earlier than 4:00 p.m. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, located at 300 Dufferin Avenue (north-east corner of Wellington Street). Each application is allocated a specified time for public delegations. It should be recognized however, that the Planning & Environment Committee may find it necessary to exceed the limit. Your co-operation is appreciated in the event that you have to wait for your site to be considered.

During the public meeting, you will be given the opportunity to provide comments or concerns regarding any aspect of the Official Plan amendment.

Please Note: Personal information collected and recorded at the Public Participation Meeting, or through written submissions on this subject, is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, and the Planning Act, 1990 R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 and will be used by Members of Council and City of London staff in their consideration of this matter. The written submissions, including names and contact information and the associated reports arising from the public participation process, will be made available to the public, including publishing on the City's website. Video recordings of the Public Participation Meeting may also be posted to the City of London's website. Questions about this collection should be referred to Cathy Saunders, City Clerk, 519-661-2500 ext. 4937.

APPEALS:
For the Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments, if a person or public body does not make oral or written submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the proposed amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the City of London to the Ontario Municipal Board, or may not be added by the Board as a party to the hearing of an appeal unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
The Inventory and Evaluation of Woodlands study is available on the City of London’s ReThink London website http://rethinklondon.ca/links under “How we Green” as the Environmental Review Lands Study, and, also under http://www.london.ca/residents/Parks/Parks-Projects/Pages/Environmental-Projects.aspx. Woodland Assessments and maps will be posted online by May 30, 2015 to the ReThink London Website under “How We Green”. For more information regarding the Official Plan amendment, the Inventory and Evaluation of Woodlands study or your woodland evaluation, please contact Linda McDougall at 519-661-2500 ext. 6494 or lmcdouga@london.ca or James MacKay at 519-661-2500 ext. 4865 jmackay@london.ca.

TO BE NOTIFIED:
If you wish to be notified of the adoption or refusal of a request to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, you must make a written request to the City Clerk, 300 Dufferin Avenue, P.O. Box 5035, London, ON, N6A 4L9. You will also be notified if you address the Planning & Environment Committee at the public meeting about this application and leave your name and address with the Secretary of the Committee.

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