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RE: **Property at 11 King Street West in Harrow**

Dear Town of Essex Property Owner.

At their regular meeting on Monday June 17, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Essex issued a Notice of Intention to Designate your property at 11 King Street West under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Why was my property selected?

Your property has been selected because it displays cultural heritage value and interest.

Attached is a Statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

Notice of objection

A Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Essex by **July 27, 2024**. The Notice of Objection must set out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

Your cooperation with the preservation of our past is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

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Where you belong



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APPENDIX A

Municipal Address

11 King Street West, Harrow – E. F. Darby's Drugstore

Legal Description

RCP 1645 LOT 32

General Description of Property

11 King Street West is in the commercial district of the former Township of Harrow, now Town of Essex, on the south side of King Street, in between 15 King Street West and 5 King Street West.

Description of Property that has Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The area of the property that demonstrates cultural heritage value or interest is the area that includes the two-storey, brick commercial building built in the late 19th century.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical/Associative

The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.

11 King Street West retains its historical and associative value because it has direct associations with E. F. Darby, the first Mayor of the Town of Harrow following its incorporation in 1930. E. F. Darby was instrumental in lobbying the government of Ontario to pass a special statute that would incorporate the Town of Harrow.

Edmund F. Darby was also the Town's druggist (pharmacist) and registered optometrist. The commercial building was constructed in 1890. Darby operated his business, Darby's Drug Store, from 11 King St. West for over 50 years.

Contextual



The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.

11 King Street West is located within the area of downtown Harrow. Downtown Harrow includes several buildings which are the earliest buildings blocks of Harrow's commercial district. 11 King Street West is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of downtown Harrow because it is one of the original building blocks of Harrow and is reflective of architecture for late 19th century commercia buildings.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value that has direct associations with E.F. Darby includes:

- The buildings location in the commercial district of Harrow along King Street.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 11 King Street West includes:

- The location of the building in the commercial district of Harrow.
- The mass, form, and style of the commercial building,
- The brick cladding on all elevations of the building,
- All existing window and door openings and the decorative features around them.