PLANNING JUSTIFICATION REPORT VACANT LAND CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT SOUTH PART OF LOT 16, CONCESSION II VILLAGE OF THORNDALE (1732435 ONTARIO LIMITED)

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INTRODUCTION

The following information is presented to establish planning justification for the above noted vacant land condominium development in the Village of Thorndale. Findlater & Associates Inc. has submitted Approval Form D (Subdivisions and Condominiums) to the County of Middlesex as well as a re-zoning application to the Municipality of Thames Centre. The development will consist of 91 condominium units.

SUBJECT LANDS

The subject lands are located at the northwest corner of Nissouri Road (County Road #27) and Thorndale Road (County Road #28) in the Village of Thorndale. The lands comprise approximately 3.6 hectares (8.9 acres). Lands to the west and north are currently agricultural in nature while lands to the south are utilized for an industrial operation. Lands to the east are currently used for low density residential.

PLANNING POLICY ANALYSIS

Provincial Policy Statement 2020

The PPS, in Section 1.1.3, identifies Settlement Areas as "the focus of growth and development" across Ontario. These lands are within an identified Settlement Area being the Village of Thorndale. Section 1.1.3.6 states "new development taking place in designated growth areas should occur adjacent to the existing built up area and should have a compact form". This development is consistent with this policy of the PPS.

County of Middlesex Official Plan

Similar to the PPS, the County of Middlesex identifies these lands as being in a Settlement Area. Thorndale is specifically classed as "Community Area" in Section 2.3.2 Growth Management Hierarchy. The County Official Plan states that the majority of growth shall be directed to designated settlement areas. This condominium development conforms with the policies of the County Plan.

Thames Centre Official Plan

The subject lands are designated "Residential" in the Thames Centre Official Plan. This designation permits a range of housing types. This condominium development conforms with the policies of the Thames Centre Plan.

Thames Centre Zoning By-Law

The subject lands are currently zoned Site Specific Future Development (FD-4). A re-zoning application has been filed with Thames Centre to rezone the lands to a Site Specific Third Density Residential (R3-**) to recognize the development of the lands for a 91 unit vacant land condominium project. Once this zoning is approved by Thames Centre, the condominium development can proceed subject to the approval of the Plan of Condominium by the County of Middlesex.

SUMMARY

In support of the planning justification of this proposal, the proponents have completed and submitted professional studies including a Noise Feasibility Study, a Stage 1 & 2 Archeological Study, a Hydrogeological & Geotechnical Study, a Draft Servicing Report, a Site Plan layout of the property and a Sequencing Plan.

Based on the results of these studies and the analysis in this report, it is our opinion that the condominium application and rezoning application are both in the public interest and represent good land use planning. This opinion is supported by the following:

- The condominium application is consistent with the policies of the PPS
- The condominium application conforms with the development policies of both the County of Middlesex and the Thames Centre Official Plans
- The proposed development will provide affordable and attainable housing consistent with Provincial Policy

Respectfully submitted,



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