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Mr. R.E.F. Eddy, Administrator-Clerk
County of Middlesex
399 Ridout Street North
London, Ontario
N6A 2P1

Re: Designation of Middlesex County Gaol
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337

Please find enclosed, a certified copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-2917-501, entitled "A by-law to designate the Middlesex County Gaol, south-west corner of Dundas Street and Ridout Street to be of historic and architectural value", passed by Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on November 17, 1986.

The Local Architectural Conservation Authority Committee will be contacting you at a later date to determine whether or not you wish to have a plaque mounted on this building to designate it as a site of architectural value.

R.J. Tolmie /wgr

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Assistant City Clerk

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SCHEDULE "A"

to By-law No. L.S.P.-2917-501

All that portion of Lots 22, 23 and 24, south of Dundas Street, and Lots 22, 23 and 24 north of King Street in the City of London and County of Middlesex, more particularly described as follows:

Premising that all bearings herein are astronomic and are referred to the bearing north 68 degrees 30 minutes east of the northerly limit of the said Lots 22, 23 and 24;

Commencing at a point in the northerly limit of the said Lot 22, distant 176.38 feet measured south 68 degrees 30 minutes west along the northerly limit of Lot 21 south of Dundas Street and the northerly limit of the said Lot 22, from the northeast corner of the said Lot 21;

Thence south 18 degrees 47 minutes 07 seconds east 212.54 feet;

Thence south 68 degrees 34 minutes 10 seconds west 210.74 feet;

Thence north 20 degrees 09 minutes 40 seconds west 212.10 feet, more or less, to the northerly limit of the said Lot 24;

Thence north 68 degrees 30 minutes east along the northerly limit of the said Lots 24, 23 and 22 a distance of 215.85 feet, more or less, to the point of commencement.

SCHEDULE "B"

to By-law No. L.S.P.-2917-501

Historical Reasons

The Old Middlesex Gaol was erected between 1842 and 1846 when the prison facilities in the adjoining Court House (now Middlesex Municipal Offices and designated in 1980) became too small for the London district. Together the two buildings form an extremely important group at the Forks of the Thames. The Old Gaol was used as a prison until 1978.

Architectural Reasons

The gaol is built of red, yellow and buff bricks most of which were made nearby. Its architecture is utilitarian in concept with vestiges of Italianate design in its massing, fenestration and cupola. An original cell block, complete with metal doors and solitary confinement, and hanging hook and trap door are preserved.