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I give consent for my letter to be in the public agenda

I'm speaking to my "neighborhood connector street". [REDACTED] I find it interesting that these designations were made to our community without any input on the possible ramifications...now an interview with the mayor and deputy mayor say that changes may be necessary because of funding requirements and since we said it could happen there it could happen anywhere?

We moved here 25 years ago and always felt the responsibility of respecting our immediate connection to the Medway Heritage Forest as our property is included on the old Medway Heritage Forest City of London maps. We have maintained and enhanced native gardens including endangered species and protected our ancient native trees and forest species including fireflies, bees, birds, frogs, toads, etc. Foxes, ducks, deer, hawks, others have progressed down Lawson Road to Medway Creek.

It's impossible to replace these heritage trees and species just because more housing is needed? If this is lost, what then, is there a plan for this?

I feel we are prioritizing building in farmland outside only to then say that we need to infill, jeopardizing our natural heritage and those that have worked to preserve them,

Thanks for listening,

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