

From: Jackie Farquhar, 383 St. George St. London, ON N6A 3A9.

To: Members of Planning and Environment Committee: Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2018

Re: Medway Valley Heritage Forest –  
PEC – Meeting Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

As a long time citizens of London, myself, family & friends have enjoyed walking the beautiful MVHF for many years. We access either via Elsie Perrin Williams Estate or Gainsborough Road and appreciate both sides of Medway Creek which is **an environmental gem** in this urban setting.

It was distressing to hear that the City is considering constructing a large and unnecessary "crossing" plus paved approaches, over Medway Creek which will undoubtedly spoil the present peaceful ambience and disrupt the natural vegetation/species that thrive presently in this treasured environmentally sensitive area.

The City of London is to be commended for the excellent accessible public pathways that presently exist and are being expanded enabling ALL USERS to access the River Thames path north and south for recreational purposes. IN MVHF, YOU HAVE DONE THIS NORTH OF FANSHAWE. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH - WE DO NOT NEED MORE SOUTH OF FANSHAWE.

I live in Old North and was not aware of the MVHF infrastructure plans until I was alerted to the "crossing" by a friend. I ask that you consider bringing this matter to the attention of a wider segment of London citizens by whatever means, i.e. notice in London Free Press and the City website inviting more public input to the tentative plans for MVHF. I am convinced that most Londoners would agree with my thoughts on leaving MVHF in its present natural state.

I implore the PEC and the City **NOT to destroy MVHF** by installing heavy infrastructure in the form of bridge crossings and more paved pathways. The MVHF should remain a passive place allowing the natural flora and fauna to flourish and citizens to enjoy the this unique area at their leisure.

Sincerely,

P.S. It would be appreciated if my letter could be attached to the Agenda at the forthcoming PEC meeting on February 20th 2018 where this matter is to be discussed. I would also ask to be notified of further meetings on the MVHF. Thank you.