

April 8, 2018

Planning and Environment Committee (PEC)  
City of London  
267 Dundas Street  
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To whom it may concern:

Re: Medway Valley Heritage Forest Environmentally Significant Area (ESA's)

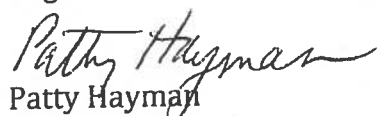
This is to submit my formal objection to the proposed pedestrian bridges (2) across the Medway Valley as identified in the latest Conservation Master Plan (CMP) circulated April 3, 2018 by City staff and the Orchard Park Sherwood Forest Ratepayers Group.

The fundamental purpose of ESA's such as the Medway is to protect the ecological integrity of areas in the City designated as such by their special qualities. Additional infrastructure (man made) such as this deters from the natural landscape and viewscape that currently exists. The potential footprint these structures will occupy within the natural area appear to be substantial.

At the latest open houses, residents marked the maps provided on the walls with "post it notes" specifically requesting no pedestrian bridges. Yet, once again, we find that pedestrian bridges are planned with, it seems, no regard for resident and community opinion. The valley is not landlocked and has access from both east and west sides so it is not necessary to have bridges for access. Let's keep the valley as natural as possible. Modify the CMP by removing the bridge construction proposals.

The funds required to build these bridges would be substantial and it is preferred that these funds be earmarked for burying the hydro services (Gainsborough - Windermere corridor) that require clearing and ongoing maintenance. The services could be bored under the creek. This would further enhance the natural integrity of the corridor at the end of Gainsborough in the long term.

Regards,



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