

ORCHARD PARK SHERWOOD FOREST RATEPAYERS



January 24, 2018

Chair and Members
Planning and Environment Committee
City of London

Re: Conservation Master Plan for the southern portion of the Medway Valley Heritage Forest
Environmentally Significant Area (ESA)

Based on the recommendation of Professor of Biology, Dr. Greg Thorn, our representative on the Local Advisory Committee for this project, we cannot support the proposed bridge and trail hardening. The large majority of our members at numerous meetings over the years have opposed such "denaturalization" of this ecological gem each time it has been proposed by staff (most recently 2008). We ask that you close off this matter by deleting the proposed bridge and trail hardening from the Plan and also pass a motion that it is the position of Council that there will be no additional bridge crossings of the Medway Creek in the Environmentally Significant Area.

A representative of our Executive will speak at the Public Participation meeting on this matter and provide additional information.

Sincerely

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