

Dear Members of the London Civics Works Committee:

My husband and I received a letter from the City of London in our mailbox on March 2, 2020, informing us of roadwork happening on our street this summer and inviting us to a Project Update meeting on March 5, 2020. I attach the letter.

We have a few comments and serious concerns. I know other homeowners on our street have similar concerns. I am disappointed that we had to be away on March 5. Had we known about this meeting earlier, with more than 3 days' notice, we could have adjusted our plans. Therefore, apologies if perhaps I am not writing to the correct group.

We have owned our property at 180 Camden Cres. for 23 years. We purchased the property in large part because a) we loved the quiet street, a street with very, very little traffic other than the residents of the 23 or so homes on the crescent b) we fell in love with the ambiance, including the gorgeous treed canopy grazing the fronts of the homes on Camden Cres. The roadwork will apparently involve adding a sidewalk on Camden Cres. Apparently, trees will be removed, including some larger, older trees - so sad. When will we show we truly care about the environment in London? Will we ever regain the proud title of Forest City?

Most significantly, why on earth is the City of London wasting a huge amount of money to have a sidewalk put in on Camden Cres? On the surface this would appear to be nothing short of irresponsible, fiscal stupidity! There are about 23 homes on our quiet, neighbourly, tiny street. That's it. There is a walkway connecting the two subdivisions between Amberwood to Sunnyside Cres. There is a sidewalk all along Amberwood to Hastings Dr. (see attached map) Anyone wanting to walk between the neighbourhoods, including kids going to school, can already do so without having to walk on roads there is a sidewalk that goes directly to Hastings Dr. and from there, to Stoneybrook School. We are all in favour of safety for the community. We have two children who grew up here and now we have 2 grandchildren. We get it. However, there is almost no traffic on Camden Cres. This is street that there is no reason for anyone to drive on unless visiting one of the few homes on the crescent.

Further, to be sure we are not speaking out of turn, we spoke with our neighbours. We learned that even the families with young children who live on Camden Cres do not want a sidewalk. So why is this happening? Why are we getting a sidewalk? Is it some sort of policy being implemented without thought? There is no way a sidewalk on Camden Cres can be justified as being essential or necessary.

How much is the sidewalk alone going to cost to put in? How much will it cost annually to plough the sidewalk in the winter, maintain it year-round, and to re-seed the grass the ploughs will dig up every year? Yes, Camden Cres needs repaving. But, that's it. Where on earth is the logic associated with this project that will truly destroy the beautiful quiet, tree-lined, private street? In terms of the trees, will our gorgeous older, larger trees be replaced with equally LARGE trees (that have taken decades to grow) so we may enjoy them in our lifetime?

Thank you very much for considering our concerns. We truly hope this letter will be appropriate individuals for thoughtful consideration of the project. Let's save London some money and as an

added benefit, let's help our environment by not removing as many trees as a sidewalk might require. Let's be thoughtful about this. Please let's do our due diligence. Please listen to the people who actually live on Camden Cres. Does a sidewalk on Camden Cres. really make sense?

Thank you very much,

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