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Date: April 10, 2020 10am

To: Members/Civic Works Committee & Daniel Turner, Committee Clerk

From: Christine Dirks: 200 Devonshire Avenue London 0N N6C 2J2

Re: Parking for residents of 200 Devonshire Avenue & sidewalk

I have lived in London since 1989. I am presently a resident of 200 Devonshire Avenue. It has been home for six years. I have been a home owner for 25 years. Home is home whether one owns or rents.

I am writing on behalf of the residents of 200 Devonshire Avenue and a number of homeowners on Devonshire Avenue.

The City's plan to remove parking for all residents of the apartment building at 200 Devonshire Avenue means residents will have nowhere to park: not by the building and not on the neighbouring streets. The City does not allow year-round 24-hour street parking in our neighbourhood.

To remove residents' existing parking is to rob residents of the mobility they need for work, for family, for community and for the numerous other things for which anyone in the City of London has, and uses, a vehicle.

The City's plan to remove residents' parking will have an immediate negative impact on the lives, prosperity and well-being of residents.

Effectively the City is telling the residents to give up their vehicles. In so doing, the City is not honouring and not following The London Plan, its own official plan. The London Plan speaks to the goal of building a city that will "offer the opportunity of prosperity to everyone – on their own terms and in their own way."

For the City to honour the London Plan and exhibit respect for the citizens whose home is 200 Devonshire Avenue the City could 'grandfather' the existing parking.

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The sidewalk would then be installed on the west side of Murray Street - not on the east side of the street at the side of the apartment building. The west side of Murray Street is practical. The west side of Murray Street makes good sense.

Following are the words of nearby home owners who object to the City's plan to 1) remove residents' parking and 2) install a sidewalk beside 200 Devonshire Avenue thereby ensuring residents of 200 Devonshire Avenue have absolutely no place to park.

1. "I totally support the action to retain resident parking on Murray St. for 200 Devonshire Ave. With respect to the sidewalk, I would go further and suggest none is necessary on either side of Murray Street north of Devonshire. Both actions the City is contemplating are entirely contrary to The London Plan. Unfortunately, The City doesn't care and is fixated on putting sidewalks where none are wanted by neighbourhood residents. Likewise, removing the on-street parking for residents who have enjoyed such for many years is done without a proposed alternative." **Devonshire Avenue Resident**
2. "Gary and I support the idea of installing the sidewalk on the west side of Murray AND maintaining resident parking at 200 Devonshire. It doesn't make any sense whatsoever to install the sidewalk on the east side of Murray taking away the parking area for the residents of 200 Devonshire. Installing the sidewalk on the West side is not going to harm anyone or anything, but installing it on the east side will make a huge impact on those who will no longer have a place to park their car. It just does not make good sense at all. At a time when we are fighting Covid-19 and we are being told to be mindful of the community we are in, the actions of the city goes against being mindful of the needs of a neighbourhood." **Devonshire Avenue Residents**

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3. "I personally don't think a sidewalk is necessary on Murray, particularly the section north of Devonshire. Since the Dunkirk Place access from Wortley Road is scheduled to be restricted to foot traffic only, that section of Murray to Dunkirk Lane essentially becomes a communal driveway ...and does not need a sidewalk at all. I went to the meeting in December at the Landon Library and there was quite a bit of opposition to any sidewalk on Murray. This plan to put a sidewalk in on the east side of Murray is very short-sighted and the City needs to listen to the tax paying residents who are affected by their decisions and are in opposition to this one." **Devonshire Avenue Resident**

4. "We are in favour of installing the sidewalk on the west side of Murray north of Devonshire and retain the resident parking for 200 Devonshire."
Devonshire Avenue Residents

5. "We reside at 187 Devonshire Avenue, and support the following: that the City install the sidewalk on the west side of Murray north of Devonshire, and that resident parking be retained for 200 Devonshire."
Devonshire Avenue Residents

6. "Where does the City expect you to park? My husband and I totally support your efforts to fix this issue." **Devonshire Avenue Residents**

7. "Add my name for the sidewalk to be located on the west side of Murray Street." **Devonshire Avenue Resident**

8. "We are supportive of maintaining parking on Murray Street."
Devonshire Avenue Residents

9. "I support keeping parking available at 200 Devonshire Avenue."
Devonshire Avenue Resident

10. "We support retaining current parking for residents of 200 Devonshire Avenue." **Devonshire Avenue Residents**

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In closing, the west side of Murray Street has an open area from Devonshire Avenue to Dunkirk Place that can well accommodate a sidewalk. The City last week removed three large evergreen trees from this area.

Should the City's position be that the west side of Murray Street cannot locate a sidewalk as there is a single large tree that is to be retained then the City needs to reevaluate this situation.

It would be wrong for the City to allow *one tree* to overrule the option of the sidewalk to be situated on the west side of Murray Street. With the sidewalk on the west side of Murray Street, parking for residents of 200 Devonshire Avenue could be retained. In doing so residents would retain the mobility they need for work, for family, for community and for the numerous other things for which anyone in the City of London has, and uses, a vehicle for.

Further, a sidewalk on the west side of Murray Street makes common sense. It would mean those using the sidewalk (which terminates at Dunkirk Place) do not have to cross Murray Street to access the much-used linear public space and playground that extends from Dunkirk Place to Cathcart Street

by Christine Dirks on behalf of the residents of 200 Devonshire Avenue and homeowners on Devonshire Avenue.