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Submitted by email : sppc@london.ca

Dear Sir/ Madam:

**RE: Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee (SSPC)
City of London's Service Review: Recommended Closure of River Road
Golf Course**

I am writing to give notice of my objection to the closure of River Road Golf Course.

The grounds for my objection are as follows:

1. the closure of River Road reduces the enjoyment of my golf membership due to the fact there are too many players searching for limited tee times at Thames and Fanshawe Golf course
2. River Road golf course provides a natural habitat for many species. There are environmental concerns should the property be used for development

Enjoyment of the Golf Membership

I have been a member of the City of London Golf Courses since 2017. Having the three (3) golf courses available to golf increases the enjoyment level for all. Each of the municipal courses provides a different challenge due to their different designs. The courses are close to all residential areas in London and reduce travelling time. For example , if you live by River Road Golf Course, Thames Valley is not always an option.

Environmental Concerns

River Road is a natural habitat for many species. If sold for development , this would impact the environment that could never be replaced.

The City of London should not base their decision on a cost benefit analysis. Our recreation department provides many sports that do not show a profit but have a positive impact on the whole community.

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In my opinion, the long term effects of COVID-19 on golf participation will not revert back to normal after vaccination. Fortunately COVID-19 has increased participation in golf and I think it would be short sighted to assume that things are going back to normal anytime soon.

Yours sincerely,

Freda Donovan