

Dear Sir/Madam,

My son and I live on one of the streets in Sherwood Forest where you are considering adding sidewalks. I am in my 90th year, my son is 59 and is seriously handicapped, physically and intellectually. Some years ago we were told that trees were going to be planted along our street, including in front of our house. The reason given was that it would be healthier for us and would help the whole concept of London being the Forest City. We were pleased. Now we are told that for the sake of our health, said trees were to be demolished. Sidewalks would be built and our lawn would be considerably diminished, spoiling that aspect of our house and causing a reduction in its worth and we are far from pleased!

Indeed, this is a very bad idea, a waste of money and would spoil what has been a charming landscape for years. My son and I have been isolated in our home since March 2020 when his day program was closed. Now we are going to be even more isolated as the summer will be spent smothered in dirt, our quiet street will be surrounded by the noise of big equipment and, worst of all, unable to take my son on walks after a year of being very lonely and depressed.

The sidewalk and your timing are not good ideas. Such structures are never cleared in the winter, as you know, one cannot push a wheelchair in conditions of great lumps of ice and snow left in lumps. Not only have we had a very solitary year, it will continue when we cannot even enjoy our own gardens.

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