

1118 St Anthony Road,

London, ON N6H 2P6

February 16, 2021

Civic Works Committee,

City of London, Ontario,

300 Dufferin Avenue,

London, Ontario.

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you regarding my objections to the proposal to construct a sidewalk on the south side of St. Anthony Road between Hyde Park Road and the west end of Hampton Crescent.

My husband and I have lived at the above address since July 1970. Over the years our two children attended John Dearness School and we never had any concerns about their safety when walking along the roads in this subdivision.

For many years I was actively involved with the Oakridge Hazelden Community Association and was a local coordinator of the Neighbourhood Watch program. As such, local issues were brought to the attention of both these organizations and I don't recall ever receiving a request from the residents for a sidewalk along this road. What has changed between then and now that would warrant a sidewalk to be constructed?

Many homes on this stretch of St. Anthony have in ground watering systems that reach the curbs. These will need to be reconfigured at significant cost. Also many homeowners have installed brick, stone or concrete driveways that would be crossed by a new sidewalk and therefore their aesthetic appeal would be diminished. It is assumed that the costs of the reconfiguration of watering systems and repair or reconstruction of driveways would be borne by the city, making the installation of a sidewalk that much more expensive.

I agree with the concerns raised by neighbours regarding loss of trees, the effect on landscaping and the fact that the proposed sidewalk goes from nowhere to nowhere.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Dickinson.