

Dear Paul,

My husband and I reside at 43 Bartlett Crescent and we received a notice from other neighbours today about the City of London's proposed changes to our lovely crescent. We understand the need for a few upgrades, including new asphalt and road surface, but the proposal of a new sidewalk is what is most disturbing to us. Apparently the sidewalk is proposed for the east side of the road, but we are extremely opposed to the construction of a sidewalk on either side of the road. We moved here just over 8 years ago, and what drew us to this crescent was that we absolutely loved all of the mature trees and the overall ambiance of the crescent. There isn't a lot of traffic on our crescent and we don't feel the need for a sidewalk. Residents of this crescent have worked hard to maintain their homes both inside and out. Anyone who drives down our crescent, especially in the warmer months, can see the sense of pride and ownership that the residents of Bartlett Crescent have. Nicely groomed yards and gardens, along with beautiful, well maintained mature trees are apparent and admired by many friends, family and visitors to our neighbourhood. The overall feel of the crescent would be drastically changed for the worse. In addition, there are many residents on both the east and the west side who have spent thousands of dollars on replacing their driveways in recent years. The construction of a sidewalk would impact this as well, compromising the work that has been done, the warranties and overall longevity of the product. My husband and I have personally obtained quotes for a new driveway for our property over the past 2 years and with the news of the upcoming road construction and possible construction of a new sidewalk, we are thankful that we have not yet sunk the more than \$20,000 into a new driveway. We would be absolutely devastated if we had done so already because the integrity of the work would be compromised by this proposed construction of a sidewalk.

Lastly, in recent weeks there have been many days in which there has been heavy snowfall, and as we drive down several other streets with sidewalks, I see a great number of people walking on the road instead of the sidewalks because the sidewalks are never maintained properly by the city or home owners, resulting in very icy and uneven walkways.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could please pass on our extreme concern and opposition to the addition of sidewalks to Bartlett Crescent at the City Hall planning meeting.

Thank you for your commitment to helping our community in this matter.

Sincerely,
Elissa and Josh Grover
43 Bartlett Crescent