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Subject: NORTH MEDWAY VALLEY ESA

PLEASE ADD MY COMMENTS TO THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

To: Chair and Members, Planning and Environment Committee

With respect to my opinion regarding the North Medway Valley Trails I have the following thoughts:

-I fully support the completion of a continuous trail to link with all of the trails in the area/valley -feel the use of boardwalks to cross various parts of the creek or swampy areas would more than suffice and there is no real need for more elaborate bridging, except in areas where the city has a need for access by heavy vehicles -the trail should have a hard surface to allow maximum accessibility for people with disabilities and small children in strollers, as well as making it passable/safer when conditions are wet -the way to encourage users to embrace the environment and respect ecologically sensitive areas is to provide exposure by way of easy to access trails and signage -the vast majority of users will respect the designated trails and not stray into sensitive areas when they are clearly identified, nor onto private lands; unlike the current (unfinished) state where people wander helter skelter and do more damage -having trail sections that are not continuous, requiring users to exit the valley and travel through the neighbourhoods, goes against important objectives such as separating walkers from traffic and the appreciation/respect of the natural areas -many of us purchased in this neighbourhood with the belief that this type of continuous trail was part of the "package" and that we had contributed financially to the completion of the trail through the purchase price of our lots

PLEASE, do not let us down on this one. It is a golden opportunity to make London more liveable.

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