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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 proposed construction of a sidewalk on the south side of St. Anthony Road between Hyde Park Road and the west end of Hampton Crescent.

A neighbourhood should have a consistent look and feel to its streets. This neighbourhood was designed on purpose without sidewalks in the 1970s. What is the planning logic of introducing an isolated stretch of sidewalk in the middle of a low density and low traffic residential neighbourhood?

Sidewalks do provide safe accessible routes, especially for people using mobility devices, but how does it promote safe walking when essentially only one block on one side of one street would have a sidewalk?

There is a neighbourhood tradition of walking safely facing the oncoming traffic. In these times of Covid-19 I feel particularly safe walking in my neighbourhood as I do not have to come face to face with someone on a sidewalk which is much too narrow for my comfort these days. I agree with my neighbours that the installation of a sidewalk would be disruptive to the sense of community in the neighbourhood.

Please reconsider your vision for the future of the Old Hazelden neighbourhood. We like it just the way it is without sidewalks.

Sincerely,
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