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Jay Stock St. Anthony Road London, Ontario N6H 2R1

Councillor Steve Lehman Ward 8 Councillor, City of London 314 – 300 Dufferin Ave London, ON N6B 1Z2

RE: Opposition to Sidewalk Proposal (St Anthony Rd)

Dear Councillor Lehman,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed installation of a new sidewalk on St Anthony Road between Hyde Park Rd and Hampton Crescent.

This neighbourhood was purposefully designed over 50 years ago to sit on the former grounds of the historic Hazelden Manor. To maintain the variety of mature and specimen trees that were on the land, the community was built with features that were unique at the time including buried cables and neither streetlights nor sidewalks. These features were instrumental in my decision to live here.

In my opinion, installation of sidewalks would negatively impact the unique character of the neighbourhood by removing trees, possibly damaging other healthy mature trees, and interrupting the natural feel of the environment. I am a regular walker in the neighbourhood and have found there to be no issue in sharing the road with vehicular traffic and cyclists, who are typically cautious, slow, and respectful of other road users.

I appreciate this opportunity to voice my opposition to the proposed installation of a sidewalk on St Anthony Road, and look forward to hearing the outcome of the upcoming Civic Works Committee meeting.

Please feel free to contact me should you require additional information.

Yours sincerely.

Jay Stock

CC: Mayor Ed Holder

Elizabeth Peloza, Chair, Civic Works Committee