

To All,

Please add my families voices as very concerned citizens from the Sherwood Forest neighbourhood in regards to the roadwork planned for spring/summer 2021.

We are a distinctive and proud neighbourhood who take great pride and care of the natural habitat surrounding us. Sherwood Forest, inside the Forest City. Kind of gives you a hint of what to expect and what drew us to this area in the first place. This is why we knowingly selected an old leaky house when we could have picked the modern conveniences of new. Why we spend too much time at home improvement stores, garden centres and watching DiY's on YouTube. And why you are hearing from us now. Because our simple desire was to be able to step outside and live among the majesty of what nature and some great city planning from long ago provided. Trees.

The benefits of trees are innumerable and immeasurable, we all know that. ReForest London knows that, Upper Thames River Conservation knows that and the Real Estate market sure knows that. I invite you to read the first line of <http://www.LiveSherwood.ca> the site of the highly city involved successful development and/or MLS 40067539. Nothing quite like a tree lined street is there? Please ask yourself why is this the first line on these listings? We have Medway Creek & Arena, shopping, a library, great schools and a world renown University, all very close by. But that is not the first thing these listings thought was important. Why? Go stand or sit yourself under one of these trees and you will have your answer.

We are not anti-development as LiveSherwood will attest. Nor are we anti-sidewalk. We live in a quiet, low density neighbourhood that is blessed to have a canopy of trees contributing to energy conservation in keeping with the London Hydro supported Tree Power Program. There are no thoroughfare roads through the areas being selected and no foreseeable increase in density. There is simply no need for sidewalks in this neighbourhood, especially at the irreversible cost to do so.

We are asking the city to remove the inclusion of sidewalks to the planned roadwork and to keep best managed practices and tree conservation at the forefront of the planning and execution of the road resurfacing activity. I am sure our community will look forward to supporting official announcements as to what cause these recovered funds were re-directed to. There are so many.

Respectfully,

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