

I am resident of Sherwood Forrest. I have lived on the north side of Friars Way for over 20 years. I searched for a property in this very desirable neighbourhood for many months because of the beautiful treelined canopy that is made of mature trees. The three heritage trees that are in front of my house have been here for many decades and measure well over 50 cm in diameter. It is the mature trees that make Sherwood Forest what it is. Losing the unique tree canopy would likely negatively affect property values.

The crescent like curved streets make for a low traffic area that is not used as a thoroughfare. Many of the residents in the area use the quiet streets to walk their dogs and to reach the Medway trail and creek. I do not see the need for sidewalks to improve accessibility. I have not seen many people using the sidewalks that are available in this area – especially in the winter when snow and ice remains on the surface even after clearing. I do not know of anyone who wants sidewalks and is willing to give up the mature trees.

I encourage members of council to please consider what the residents of this area want when you make your decision on this project.

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