

Hello everyone,

I am emailing you to express my deepest regret to have sidewalks installed on Abbey Rise and surrounding area

These are my concerns:

I do not personally see the need for sidewalks, I purchased my home in 2012 in this area because there were no sidewalks, I feel safe walking on the road, as there is minimal traffic and thus the accessibility issue is in fact NOT an issue. I have constantly asked why would you put a sidewalk on a road that does not connect to any feeder street and with no access to any major bus routes, **it just doesn't make any sense.**

Please also note that 3 years ago I received a request to plant a tree, sent by the City of London, I did sign up for this service and a tree was planted, this tree is slated to be removed if a sidewalk is installed, along with several other mature beautiful trees, frequently visited by several birds. **Why would we support a sidewalk to destroy these trees?**

I believe that the safety and accessibility of our neighborhood will be maintained **without** sidewalks and most importantly is the need to maintain our tree canopy and that of the City's (to offset the increasing climate change that is already upon us...flooding, tree disease, increased temperatures). Replanted young trees are more susceptible to disease and will not provide the benefits and protection we need). One only needs to review what Bill Gates is saying about our climate crisis, **WE should not be contributing to that.**

If you connect with Reforest London: here is what you learn:

The City of London has developed an Urban Forest Strategy to help guide them in planting, maintaining and protecting the trees in 'The Forest City'. Four main principles guide the development of the strategy: plant more, protect more, maintain better, and engage the community.

We the residents of this area agree strongly with this philosophy.

Please connect with me if you require any more information.

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