

Subject: Scarlett Avenue sidewalk

Our home, which we have lived in for 19 years 202 Wychwood Park is situated on a corner lot with our garage facing Scarlett and our frontage facing

Wychwood Park looking out at the new construction of houses and condos on Wychwood Park.

Scarlett is not a busy street and is quite like Runnymede in a sense, off of Wychwood and not a thoroughfare. The only traffic on these streets are homeowners coming and going from their home. It's very quiet and safe to walk these roads with out seeing many cars in motion.

It's devastating to us and the integrity of the neighbourhood to lose 2 beautiful healthy 56 year old trees or any trees for that matter. Our neighbourhood after all is called Sherwood Forest.

These trees not only beautify our property and the neighbourhood but also provide privacy and act as a noise buffer from the streets of Scarlett and Wychwood this is very important when living on a corner lot.

If the planning of sidewalks goes ahead the digging and cutting into our property will not only kill 2 of our trees but disturb the root system of a second mature White pine in the corner of our property thus killing it in the near future. Then we will have lost 3 mature privacy trees on our property which will totally be a shame to the beauty of the lot and the aesthetic of the street and neighbourhood. Thus exposing our backyard and raising the noise level.

Putting a sidewalk across the end of our driveway will have an impact on our parking space. Being on a corner lot with our driveway facing Scarlett, we already have a smaller driveway than our neighbours around us. We will now lose 5-6 feet of an already shortened drive way. Pedestrians will now be walking right up close to our parked cars which will be a safety concern for both them and us.

There are side walks in the neighbourhood and one that runs across the front of our property on Wychwood. I agree with the placements of these sidewalks as they are on the busier streets and thoroughfares.

I have walked the streets of Sherwood Forest and Orchard park for 19 years now with my dogs everyday and have never felt unsafe walking on the streets without sidewalks. Actually, the streets I much prefer as they allow me to spread out with the dogs and keep my distance from others which is very important as we have learned over the past year social distancing with Covid 19. The beauty and character of the neighbourhood is what drew us here to purchase a house 19 years ago. We had very young children at the time 4 and 6 and never did we worry about not having sidewalks on every street.

Please reconsider your planning for sidewalks on Scarlett Ave. and AbbeyRise.

Thank you sincerely,
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