

With Respect to Whom it may concern:

We have lived in this neighbourhood for over 22 years. One of the reasons we chose this place to live were the beautiful mature trees, they are our pride and it is what defines this neighbourhood...Sherwood Forest. We are avid walkers and if it weren't for the mature trees along the side of the road creating a protective canopy, we would have no respite from the relentless sun and heat in the summertime.

Trees are the lungs of the earth, in light of global climate change it would be a tragedy to cut down such beautiful mature trees that have taken generations to grow. Every tree counts. What is the example we would be showing our future generations?

Without our trees that line our streets, literally, going for a walk would be too uncomfortable or impossible at certain times of the day. When we walk, as we do everyday, we are so grateful for their shaded protection, to say nothing of their beauty. Under the trees, the temperature drops providing relief from the sun and ultra-violet rays.

Everyone in this neighbourhood walks and we have never required sidewalks. This neighbourhood is not thorough fare, it was intentionally designed not to be. There is just not that much traffic here that would justify such a tragic, irresponsible and reckless devastation of our beloved trees. Everyone I have talked to feels passionately against putting in sidewalks. **Fix the street but leave the sidewalks out...we don't want them or need them. We want our trees.**

The 20 year London plan should not be rigid, **but a living document to serve the needs and health of all the citizens.**

***Note:** I have included a quote from your Report to Civic Works Committee re: Municipality Councils 2019-2023 Plan under 2.3 Policy Background:
"The policy goes on to provide seven criteria, including the following: 2.6. Road reconstruction projects, **where the existing condition such as mature trees,** right-of-way widths, or infrastructure would impede sidewalks on both sides of the street." Therefore, it is the policy of the London Plan that road reconstruction projects should provide sidewalks on both sides unless there are specific constraints that may result in it being more desirable to include one, **or in some cases, no sidewalks.** "

With dismay and deep concern,
Bill and Val Bradley