

# Presentation at the City of London Civic Works Committee



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## Abbey Rise + Scarlett Ave connection

- Quiet short street on a hill, only local vehicles
- Accessible street, people from the neighborhood like to walk on it
- Proposed sidewalk is by the curb, but still many trees are affected
- Majority of residents signed the petition; no one spoke in favor of sidewalks
- In agreement with presentations by other Sherwood Forest residents<sub>2</sub>

# Design to meet a variety of city's priorities

We are calling for the City of London Civic Works Committee and the Council to

- Implement the ***best management practices*** (alternative traffic control and engineering solutions) to minimize tree loss
- Take into account the unique characteristics of our neighborhood, desires of its residents, and the relevant data.
- Keep in mind the variety of the city's priorities as stated in city's strategic plans

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- Our concern is that the current plans, approaches, and communication of rationales for decisions could be inadequate.
- There are cases of recent road reconstructions that lead to irreversible environmental damage.
- On the other hand, there are recent examples of sensitive design that balanced everyone's interests and priorities.
- ***We hope the plans of reconstructions of our roads can be updated to become examples of success.***

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Here are some ***possible measures*** to reduce the number of affected trees without compromising safety of the people:

- Allow parking only on one side of the road
- Consider making some streets one-way for traffic
- Dedicating a portion of the street width to pedestrian/wheelchair traffic along with proper signage and markings on the street that would enhance the safety of those with mobility / disability issues.

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- To protect the roots of mature trees that are close to the curb and susceptible to root damage from the curbs by hand instead of using a curb machine
- Consider widening the road for safety but not at the detriment of harming the mature trees
- Consider transplanting some trees instead of cutting

**Thank you for your attention!**