

Doncaster Place Road Reconstruction:

The case for sidewalk exemption and
protection of legacy trees



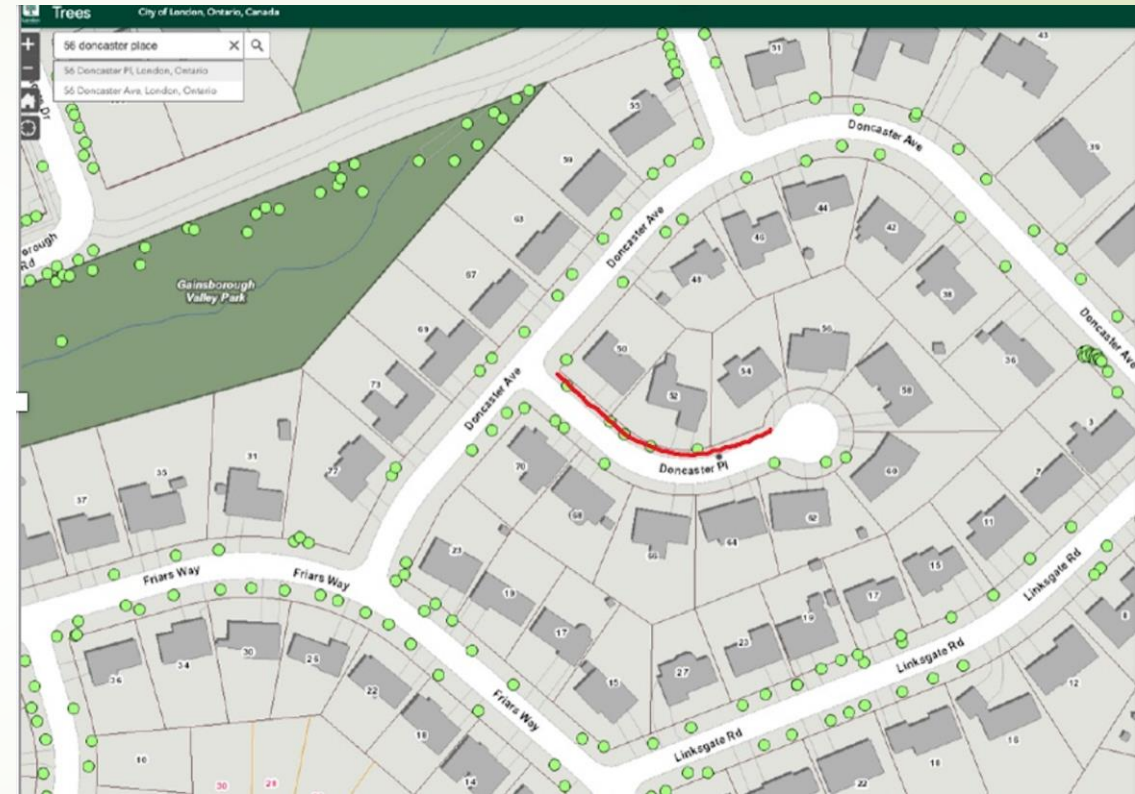
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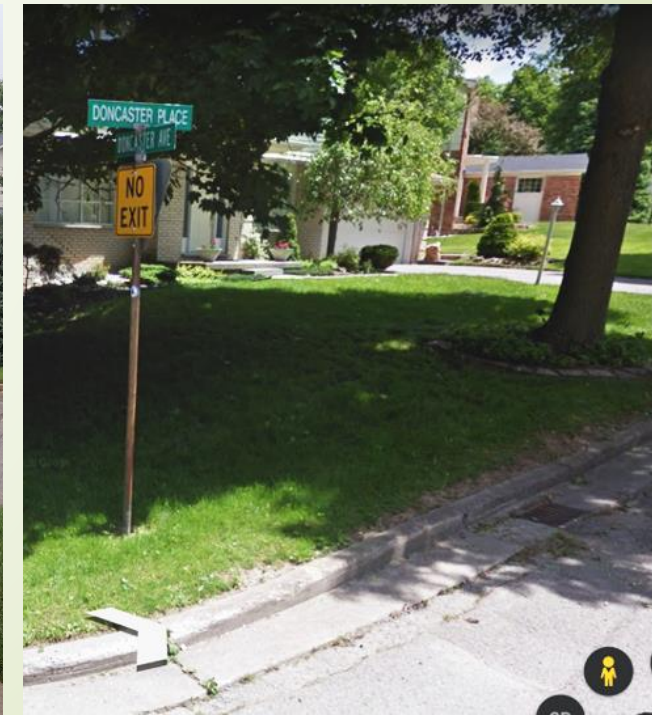
Doncaster Place Area Map

- A dead-end street with **11 houses**
No traffic except residents & their visitors
- “Doncaster Place [et al] are dead-end court-style streets, they have no connecting links to other destinations. **These types of locations are normally *not* considered for a new sidewalk.**”
[CWC Report, 2021]
- Proposed disconnected 1-side sidewalk, “serving” 3 houses, is not needed
- **Consensus:**
All residents signed the no-sidewalk
“**Save Sherwood Forest Trees**” petition
(1 no-show)
- Doncaster Place sidewalk benefits no one
- Trees benefit everyone



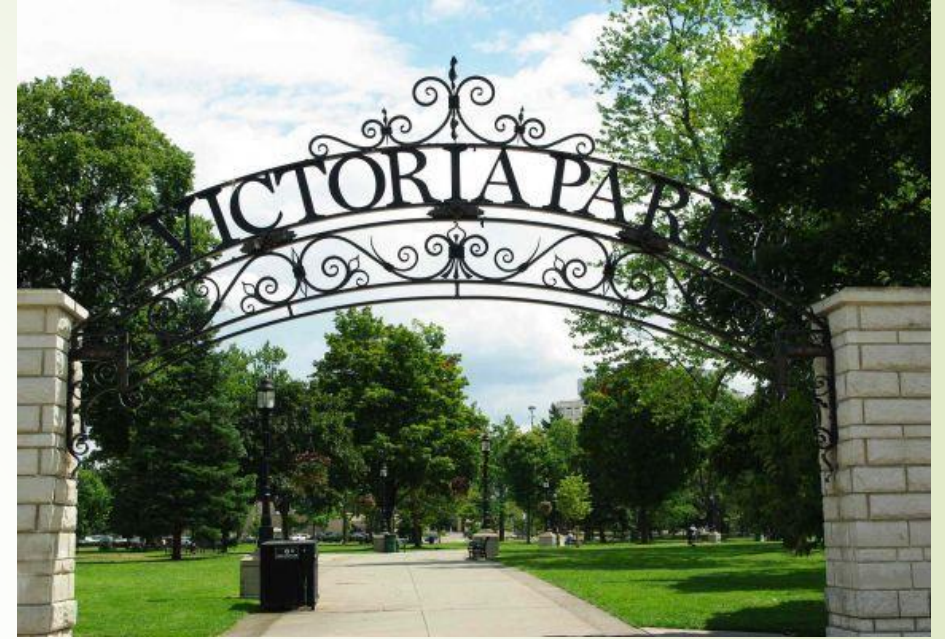
Through Our Eyes

- ▶ “[...] other areas prize their historic buildings and celebrate other aspects of their neighbourhoods, but for the residents of Sherwood Forest, it has always been our mature trees, surrounding nature, and the Medway Valley ESA.
- ▶ “We have never encountered any issue of safety, any barrier to accessibility, or any need for a sidewalk.” (*Doncaster Av. resident*)



A Tale of Two Cities

- City of **London** downtown (top) or City of **Waterloo** downtown (bottom)
- A planted sapling per mature tree is *neither* a full replacement (short-term), *nor* a guaranteed replacement (long-term)
- To fully replace a 50-cm wide tree more than 1,000 saplings are needed [CityGreen,2011]
- Replacing the 50 mature trees that would be cut down in Sherwood Forest would require planting 50,000 saplings




Youth Petition

- ▶ 176 signatures *in addition to* adult resident petition (March 7)
- ▶ “There must be **a better way** without the need to remove beautiful, mature trees... **find one!**” (E-petition signatory)

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Save Sherwood Forest Trees (Youth Petition)



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 [Lori Watt](#) started this petition to London Civic Works Committee

Petition Summary and Background Friars Way, Doncaster Place, Doncaster Place, and Abbey Rise are designated for road resurfacing, curb replacement, & catch basin repair in 2021. Design of this project is underway and currently includes the construction of sidewalks on these streets. In addition, the connecting links, the north side of Doncaster Avenue between Friars Way and Doncaster Place and the west side of Scarlett Avenue between Abbey Rise are designated for sidewalks.

A sidewalk will destroy many mature trees that shade & beautify our streets and are integral to climate change mitigation, it being noted that some trees will need to be removed due to other factors (disease, etc.). The character and of the neighbourhood will be drastically changed.

What Londoners Want

[ReThink London, 2013]

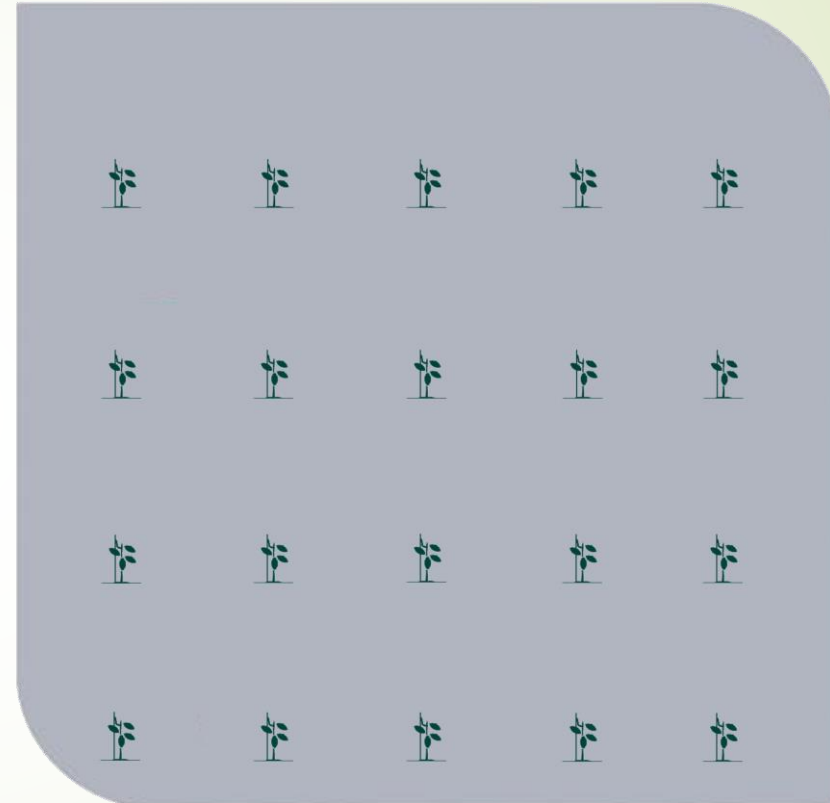
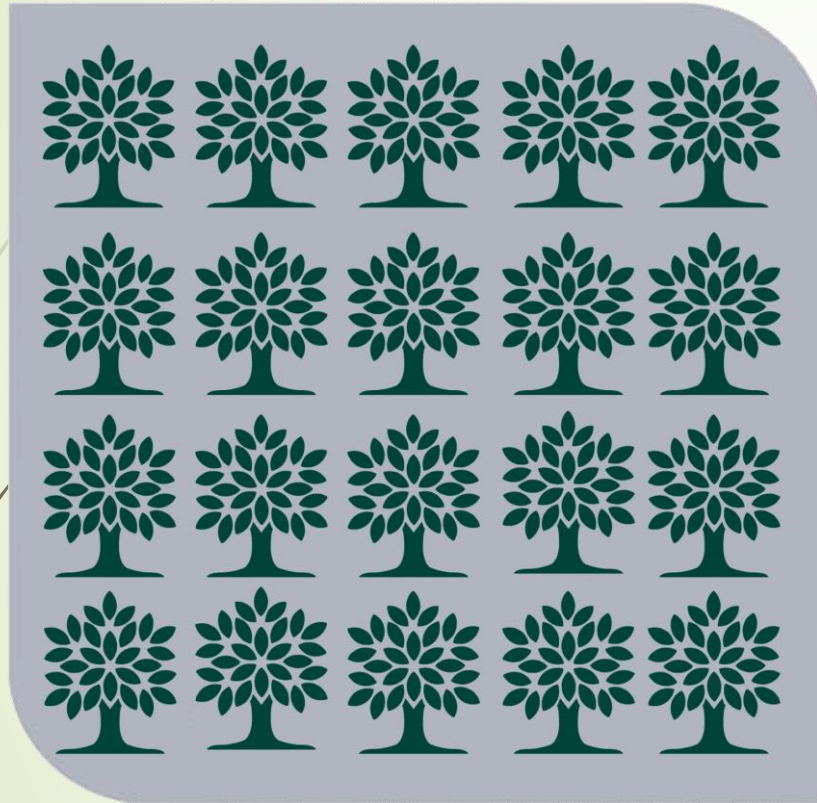
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“A City that celebrates, practices and encourages [...] the preservation of natural heritage.”

“A City that grows in responsible ways that protect our resources.”



Will London Remain the Forest City?



Doncaster Place residents respectfully ask the City for a sidewalk exemption, and for the protection of its legacy trees during road reconstruction