

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sidewalks Issue

Hello,

My name is Skylar Franke and I'm a resident in the Coves area. I'd also consider myself an environmentalist and a lover of communities.

In regards to the sidewalks issue that's being debated, I think the answer is clear. Sidewalks are safe(r) ways to navigate communities and they are essential for supporting active transit, connecting neighbours, providing a physical barrier from cars, accessible by walkers and wheelchairs and they encourage exercise.

We need to be supporting active transportation at every opportunity because [Londoner's #1 emission source is people driving cars](#). While I love how mature trees absorb carbon, getting people walking on sidewalks also reduces emissions and makes our city more equitable. If we were really worried about mature trees, we would do more to prevent them from being clear cut in new development areas or for road widenings that don't incorporate transit or cycling lanes.

I'm also okay with a meandering sidewalk that goes around these trees - what a cool way to make everyone happy! Everyone's a winner! What a cool neighbourhood!

Plus - let's follow the London Plan. It's a good plan.

Thanks for your consideration and have a great weekend,

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