

**North Medway Valley ESA – Comment Sheet – Mar 27, 2013**

**Yes, I would like my comments to be added to the Planning & Environment Committee Agenda**

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**To: Chair and Members of the Planning and Environment Committee,**

Please consider the following points before making your final decision:

1. 8,400 community members will be impacted by your decision (1998 Sunningdale Plan estimate). Restricting access will result in multiple entries and more environmental damage.
2. Phase 1 of the pathway, North of Fanshawe Park Road to the Sunningdale subdivision, has high community usage. The city measured 2,900 users just in the month of Nov. 2012.
3. Claims of habitat fragmentation were made but no measurable data was presented.
4. Almost all residents voted to have a continuous trail/pathway system to connect communities.
5. Hiking and cycling along Sunningdale Road are considered unsafe alternatives for recreation.
6. Residents voted decisively (72%) to use a 50/50 environmental/social criteria weighting in the evaluation process. The original Public Advisory Committee is still pushing for 75/25 weighting.
7. Restricting access to the Medway Valley will severely limit the passive recreation opportunities expected by thousands of residents in this high growth area.

Sincerely,

David