

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sherwood Forest Sidewalks

Good Morning ,

Please include this note I've sent to Phil Squire in the emails to Council Members for the March 25 meeting of Council.

Lorne Hooper , 14 Friars Way

- Good Morning Phil ,

The vote of Committee to adhere to the accessibility recommendation and Council Policy that "One Size Fits All" when it comes to sidewalks in an established area defies my personal experience in living in the area since it was established in 1965. I am 94 and continue to live in a house that has been renovated for wheelchair accessibility for my late wife for whom I was caregiver for 10 years. Not once in that period did we find that the present wheelchair travel on the street endangered, limited or inconvenienced us. Had this been the case we would not have renovated. I would also draw your attention to the fact that there have been two other nearby residents with a motorized chair that used the street regularly. One lived on Finsbury where reconstruction was just done without a sidewalk. And, yet another paradox that confuses me. The intensification project on the former Sherwood Forest School Grounds, a development that Council has praised, is currently being allowed to build without sidewalks. I request that my first hand experience over a long term be given second thought and request that sidewalks on Friars Way not be forced to be included in the reconstruction as per policy.

Lorne Hooper