

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sherwood Forest sidewalks

As a homeowner who has raised four children in our neighbourhood I am very disappointed with the civic works committee's decision to go ahead with sidewalks in our neighbourhood. The street is an excellent walking street as demonstrated by the number of people who let their children play on the street. We allow our grandchildren to walk safely on these streets. Our parents walked these streets until well into their nineties, with no concern for their safety.

We have known many people over the years who are not very mobile to use our street regularly as it is very safe. If there is an issue, then I do not believe sidewalks will solve these issues.

Finally we should also consider the environment as it is one of the most important issues for most people on the planet now. For each kilometre of sidewalk installed about 44,000 lbs of co2 are released into the atmosphere. For each mature tree cut down we lose the 22 kg of co2 they remove each year. If we follow the people who don't believe in climate change and they are wrong, we will have a real problem. Along with the environmental impact there is also the issue of the pleasure derived from having mature trees in the neighbourhood. It is good for our mental health. Many of the trees on Friar's Way are linden trees. These are excellent street trees and the fragrance that comes from them in summer is delightful. We have many happy memories of walking these streets and enjoying the fragrance and the majesty of our trees.

We hope the unique nature of our neighbourhood, without sidewalks and with mature trees, is conserved.

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