

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Sidewalks in Sherwood Forest - in particular Doncaster Place

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to let you know that I am very disappointed with the decision by the CWC at the meeting on March 15th to go ahead with plans to put sidewalks in the quiet suburban area of Sherwood Forest.

It appears that no consideration was given to individual areas, in particular Doncaster Place which is a low use pedestrian area.

As the CWC report states, dead end court-style streets, streets such as Doncaster Place, that have no connecting links to other destinations are not normally considered for a new sidewalk.

It would appear that this fact was not taken into consideration.

Much has been pointed out by delegates in their thoughtful presentations at the March 15th meeting and by letters from Sherwood Forest residents to CWC members about the loss of mature trees etc.

Doncaster Place is on a hill - therefore it is highly unlikely that persons with mobility issues would attempt to either ascend or descend it - even less likely to do so in winter. Although some sidewalks might be cleared of snow by a Bobcat plow they are still left - depending on temperature -either icy or slushy.

Therefore, for safety's sake pedestrians will always walk more safely on the road in a subdivision such as Sherwood Forest - even in better weather as unmaintained sidewalk surfaces are often buckled or uneven, as can be found of some areas in the Wychwood Park sidewalks, causing likelihood of tripping.

I truly hope that Council Members will take into consideration the sentiments and wishes of the residents of Doncaster Place and vote against the plan to install a sidewalk in this quiet cul-de-sac.

Yours sincerely,

Lorna Brooke