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Dear Mayor and Councillors

Why should it be **an acceptable option to make exemptions** to the city policy of putting in sidewalks when a street is dug up for infrastructure upgrades?

1. BECAUSE the London Plan policy 349 made a mistake. The AODA accessibility standards issued to implement the provincial AODA legislation **does not require the city to put in sidewalks** when making street upgrades.

2. BECAUSE the London Plan Policy 349 **failed to take into account** that there are **extreme variations** in the amount of daily vehicle and pedestrian traffic among our streets. Since Sherwood Forest is at the very lowest end of this continuum, safety concerns are not an issue in this neighbourhood. We do have sidewalks on the major streets that surround this neighbourhood to connect with schools and public transit, which are necessary and sufficient.

3. BECAUSE all levels of government need to **prioritize the environment and trees are a key player.**

4. BECAUSE it is **a waste of taxpayer dollars** to put in sidewalks where they are not needed, especially since there are such grave needs: For example, our priorities to alleviate the suffering of our homeless brothers and sisters and our children who live with poverty.

I noticed on the city website that Londoners who live in areas without sidewalks can put in a request for the city to install sidewalks. Therefore, it should follow that the city should listen to Londoners who oppose the addition of more sidewalks in their neighbourhoods.

Yours truly  
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