

July 15, 2021

Chair and Members

Planning and Environment Committee

City of London

Re: Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA Conservation Master Plan

The four of us would like to thank Emily Williamson and Mike Fabro for their work with us in facilitating the latest process to bring this report to you. Despite the pandemic, the work progressed well and the outcome has been concurred with by both EEPAC and ACCAC back in March. We believe this is a very good plan even with the deferral of the proposed Level 2 trail loop between the Windermere and Gloucester Road access points. We look forward to the work needed to make it happen. This plan provides increased accessibility and improved protection of a species at risk the City has been commended for in its efforts to protect. Some might say the plan is not perfect. We say don't let perfect be the enemy of very good. It is time to adopt this plan so everyone can safely, respectfully and responsibly enjoy this part of the Medway Valley Heritage Forest Environmentally Significant Area.

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