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We the undersigned are writing to voice our concerns and opposition to the proposed construction of a sidewalk which would run on the east side of the Kenmore Place between Melsandra Ave and Kipps Lane. There are 28 homes on Kenmore place with majority of homeowners opposed to the new sidewalk installation. All residents on the East side of the street have signed the petition.

Firstly, there is a question of whether the side walk is necessary on Kenmore Street. This is a quiet street with insignificant foot traffic.

One major concern is the that location of the side walk starting at 1.8 meters in from the curb coupled with the 1.5-meter side walk which will place the side walk close to the middle of most home owner's front lawns. This seems quite intrusive and takes away from the aesthetics of the properties affected.

In addition, there are also some concerns with winter maintenance with the damage of grass adjacent to the sidewalk from the snow removal machines as well as possible damage to existing laneways.

We object to the city of London imposing unnecessary and unrequested infrastructure and are not convinced that that this is money well spent with the installation of this sidewalk. If safety is a concern in this neighbourhood, we would suggest that tax payer's funds be spent on speed bumps and lighting on Melsandra Ave between Briar Hill and Barker Street. This would definitely help to control the speed of the traffic on Melsandra Ave.

Unfortunately, several trees that the City of London had planted last fall on the east side of the road have been already cut down in preparation for the new side walk. We are surprised that they were cut down and not moved to a different location.

Please find the attached petition in the opposition to the installation of a sidewalk on Kenmore Place- we authorize its use within the public agenda to be presented to the Civic Works Committee meeting of March 29,2022, and we trust that the committee will grant this with serious regard and consideration.

Thank you.

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On behalf of the homeowners on Kenmore PL.