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To: [James Hutson](#)
Cc: [Andrew Giesen](#); [Councillor Frank Berze](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Sidewalk Construction in Delaware - Atkinson Court
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Mr. Hutson,

Your contact information was provided to me by Councillor Berze. I provided an email with my concerns to Mr. Andrew Giesen and I am requesting that my objections and recommendations be read into the record at the council meeting scheduled to consider this issue.

My name is John Peters and I reside at [REDACTED] Atkinson Court.

I have an objection to the construction of the proposed sidewalk across the front of my property and along the entire length of my corner lot. The proposed sidewalk will cross only my property and that of two (2) of my neighbours. The remainder of our entire neighbourhood does not have sidewalks.

Currently children and people of all ages and abilities walk in the street, without incident. The sidewalk is not needed and is an unnecessary expenditure of tax dollars.

Middlesex may have taken a survey from which staff have identified the proposed sidewalk; however, direct consultation with those affected by the proposed sidewalk is a far more important tool for any decision making affecting property owners. I personally do not recall the survey and did not participate in the survey which was apparently conducted during the height of the pandemic. Regardless, I understand that approval for the proposed sidewalk is a Council decision and not an administrative decision.

Please confirm the following:

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1. When is the proposed construction slated to begin?
 2. What are the survey results that your staff relied upon for their sidewalk recommendation and how many people on, or border on, Atkinson Court responded to the survey?
 3. Since the creation of the Atkinson Court neighbourhood, have there been any reported accidents or injuries on Atkinson Court which would have been prevented by the existence of a sidewalk in the proposed location?
 4. Has Middlesex been involved in any law suits as a result of accidents on Atkinson Court where allegations were made that a sidewalk in the proposed location would have prevented such accidents?
 5. Does the municipality have the resources to maintain the proposed sidewalk in the winter?
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My neighbours [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Atkinson Court raised issues with respect to the proposed sidewalks along the soccer fields and ongoing parking problems during soccer season. I can

advise that during soccer season, parents and family members of all ages and abilities park on the boulevard and on both sides of Atkinson Court in front of my home.

Recommendations

1. If you want to construct the sidewalk across the front of the park along Atkinson Court up to the property line of, but not crossing, [REDACTED] Atkinson Court, I have no objection. It is wasteful to go to the expense of building a sidewalk across only 3 properties in such a large neighbourhood. The sidewalk is not necessary and will serve no public purpose when viewed in the context of the entire neighbourhood. If you were constructing sidewalks in the entire neighbourhood I would be curious as to whether our neighbours would have any objections.
2. Secondly, if resources are limited and parking problems persist beyond the working hours of any by-law enforcement officer, perhaps tax dollars are better spent by using the resources towards overtime for the enforcement of parking infractions instead of fixing problems that do not exist by constructing a sidewalk in front of 3 residential properties.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Peters
[REDACTED] Atkinson Court
Delaware, ON

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