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Subject: Re: Proposed sidewalk infill on Bromley Road, Linwood Crescent and Maureen Court (TS-01-24)

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Hi, I would like to submit comments for Council consideration on the Proposed sidewalk infill on Bromley Road, Linwood Crescent and Maureen Court (TS-01-24).

It is noted that there are a number of local residents planning to delegate in opposition to the City's recommendation to construct a sidewalk on the aforementioned streets. This is disappointing, given the City's stated vision, values and goals of creating a complete and connected pedestrian network. Bromley Road represents a significant gap in that network, and the proposed roadwork rightfully addresses that gap per the Council approved Integrated Mobility Plan. Therefore, this decision provides an opportunity for citizens to determine whether or not Council is serious about implementing the plan they approved.

The road in question connects 3 parks – Skyway Park, Mohawk Park and Bromley Park, in addition to 2 elementary schools and a church. The pedestrian traffic levels that already exist warrant the addition of sidewalks as indicated in the Staff Report.

In my opinion, mixing automobile traffic and pedestrians, many of them children, is an invitation for tragedy. Residents of Burlington have not demonstrated a willingness to curb speed to the degree necessary to reduce the severity of collisions with pedestrians to a less than lethal level (<30 km/h). Therefore without sidewalks, a Vision Zero approach is not possible and an unacceptable level of risk remains on streets like Bromley Road. Further, I am also not aware of any neighbourhood that, once they had sidewalks provided, wanted to remove them.

Therefore while I understand that residents may wish to retain on-street parking spaces (which are City property, not owned by the residents alone) and would rather have no impacts to the properties rather than the minimal impact proposed in the recommendation, ultimately the City must stay true to its principles. I am in support of staff's recommendation of Option 4.

Thank you,
Chris Ariens

cc: Safe Streets Halton