

Guelph Trail Master Plan – 2021-147

General Correspondence – Revised Agenda

I ride Guelph's excellent trails often and would like to add two suggestions:

* more curb cuts - there are many places throughout the city where you come suddenly upon a dangerous steep curb before you know it. These are not only dangerous for cyclists, they make pushing a baby stroller difficult too

* I like to ride to the south end, but since I am now 82, I never ride on Gordon St. This means I must ride on the sidewalk. I know there has been a plan for many years to connect a trail from Arkell Rd near Summerfield to Robin Lane so that one can ride safely from Clair Rd to the university and the downtown. Could you let me know if this trail is still on the plan and when it might be done.

Ann Middleton

■ Forest St
Guelph

I am a resident of Waterloo and very interested in regional trails and cycling, and in inter-urban connectivity.

I was very pleased to note the plan to connect Guelph to the current end point of the /Kissing Bridge Trailway--which is part of the Guelph to Goderich Trail. This is a very important gap in the TransCanada Trail and would connect Guelph to numerous other communities and directly to the Waterfront Trail in Goderich. It is a gap in the Ontario Province-Wide Cycling Network.

I am very interested in creating a cycling link from Guelph to Cambridge in association with the Speed River, which meets the Grand in Cambridge. The Guelph Hiking Club maintains a hiking trail from the Guelph Humane Society to Blackbridge Rd. This could connect to existing multiuse trails in Cambridge. However, it would be good to have bike facilities. I realize that this is a complex project that would involve Guelph, Eramosa and Waterloo. However, if a route could be devised leading to bike lanes on quieter roads, this would connect Guelph with the Cambridge to Paris Rail Trail, which leads to rail trails to Brantford and on to the Waterfront Trail in Hamilton and Port Dover. It would also link with Kitchener and Waterloo. This would create the potential for multi-day cycling loops, which would have significant tourism potential.

Anne Crowe

Hello,

My name is Kate Shirton-Smith. I am submitting comments with regards to the Trail Master Plan, specifically the proposed trail linking Arkell to my neighbourhood.

I am a resident of ■ Robin Road, in Guelph. We just moved here in April with our 3 young children. We carefully selected Robin Road because it is a quiet, safe street for our children to play. We love it here. Our children enjoy a great deal of independence thanks to the low traffic and private, enclosed courts just off our street. We paid a great deal for our

home, and now pay significantly more property taxed than at our previous home. We are happy to pay the increase in order to enjoy our home and our street. I am imploring you to reconsider your trail plan connecting our area to Arkell. This is going to create vehicle and foot traffic on our street, certainly more garbage, dog waste, and most importantly, disruption to the precious wildlife that call the forests around our streets their home. There has been *so* much development between Victoria and Gordon. When will the City just say enough is enough? Why does every square inch of forest and nature have to be turned into something that humans "must" have access to?

Has this plan taken into consideration where people will be parking to access this trail? It will be in front of my house, I am sure. We will then need to deal with heightened risk of safety for our children, both due to traffic and needing to protect our property and ourselves due to added exposure. I have seen other streets like Keats and Irving near Preservation Park and their streets are packed with cars of people accessing the trails. I do *not* want this to happen to our beautiful street. We did not sign up to live at an entry point of a major new trail.

I am against this new trail completely, and very much against it being linked to the streets in my neighbourhood, especially without a proper parking plan.

Thank you for your time,

Kate Shirton-Smith

Hello,

My name is Andrew Smith and I am submitting a comment regarding the trail master plan.

I live on Robin road with my wife and young children. The neighbourhood is perfect for young kids, and there are several families with kids between 2 and 12 on our end of the street. The proposed plan includes connecting the Robin Road woods to Arkell. We have seen what trails like the Smith trail have done to roadside parking in areas as there never seems to be a consideration for this from the City. What is the city planning to do to address this with the new trail plan? We live in a quiet neighborhood for the safety of our kids, and I can anticipate that we will have cars lining up our quiet street adding risk to the kids.

I'm asking that the City includes a plan for no parking signs at the end of Robin road, and a parking lot at the Arkell end of the new trail. If people are looking for a hike, there should be no problem for them to hike a bit farther, in an effort to keep the kids on our street more safe.