

**From:** Mylan and Betty VanNewkirk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 12:44 AM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Please reject South Pond Village site plan

Dear Members of Ann Arbor Planning Commission:

Please do not approve the current South Pond Village site plan.

Most important is safety. The plan routes all traffic into South Pond Village through the Woodcreek entrance from Chalmers. Chalmers is a dirt road for much of its length, and already the intersection at Chalmers and Washtenaw is congested and dangerous; adding vehicles from another 73 homes to the mix is untenable. Further, sending traffic through Woodcreek subdivision's Algebe Way and Meadowside Drive creates a safety hazard. The neighborhood streets were not designed for through traffic, and cars are often parked on both sides of the street. A doubling of the number of cars, with many hurrying to get somewhere else, endangers children, walkers, and cyclists as well as those in the vehicles. Additional and faster traffic impacts very negatively on safety in the Woodcreek area.

A second factor impacts quality of life, though it is not a safety issue. Just one acre designated for a park is inadequate for the proposed subdivision. Apparently the city's guidelines call for a park of 5 or 6 acres for the current population of Chalmers Road and Woodcreek residents. That would indicate a need for at least 5 acres of parkland for South Pond Village alone.

Please protect the residents of Woodcreek by denying approval of the site plan for South Pond Village that sends traffic via Woodcreek's Algebe Way.

Sincerely,  
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