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Subject: Balfour Senior Housing Facility

I live on Briarcrest Dr. very near this proposed site. I am responding to the postcard left in my mailbox. I think the city would be nuts to allow this 154 unit senior facility on South Main. To me adding these units and the 130 more parking spaces in this area, given the ridiculous traffic that already exists, makes no sense. But then I have to admit that I have begun to suspect that the city's decision-making has not made sense for a long time.

I left Ann Arbor in 1990. I recently moved back to Ann Arbor from Madison, WI. To be honest, I don't plan on staying. I have been very disappointed not only in the congestion, the ridiculous traffic and the cost of housing but also in the mediocre quality of the retail and service sector. I used to think Ann Arbor was a great place to live, but something has happened since I left. The inconveniences and other negatives far outweigh the benefits of living in the area. The more congestion you add, the more that services and retail will suffer. You may not realize how bad it is if you have lived here all along. But I have lived in Minneapolis and Madison WI since I left. Those are cities that actually provide quality of life for the people who live there. The Ann Arbor area no longer does.

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