

2250 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd Project
City Planning Commission Meeting

December 2, 2014

Good evening. My name is Ken Timmer, and my wife, Phyllis, and I have lived at 2112 Ascot Rd since 1975. I am a former candidate for City Council and my wife served on the Park Advisory board for 6 years. We feel we have considerable equity in the city of Ann Arbor and its future.

You have already received material in your packet describing our concerns with this project. I would like to highlight and emphasize what I believe are three primary points.

1. This area of the city, called Lansdowne, was established in the mid-1960's as a residential only subdivision and has remained such for 50 years. It is now a mature residential community with a vast mixture of owners, from older widows and singles to young families with newborns; who bought homes here due to its location and quiet streets. To have a high density project with 75 units directly connected to this area is totally out of character. The project address is 2250 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, but, with a driveway to Lambeth Dr, it is as much a part of Lansdowne as any other home on Lambeth, Ascot or Chaucer. Being a part this single family home subdivision in this way is totally unacceptable. Therefore, the project as it stands should be rejected. However, if somehow you are convinced that other properties on Ann Arbor-Saline Rd support the rezoning of this property, than at least **keep** it on Ann Arbor-Saline Rd and remove the access to Lambeth Dr.
2. Although requested, a traffic safety analysis of the effect of the Lambeth Dr access has not been done. With all the emphasis that the city has put on pedestrian and biker safety, not to critically analyze the safety impact of putting the traffic from 75 condo units onto narrow curved streets with parked cars, bikers, walkers, etc. is very surprising, sad and irresponsible. I am sure that an honest analysis would clearly show that the Lambeth Dr access is not consistent with the high safety standards that Ann Arbor holds itself to.
3. In your packet you should find a petition requesting that the Lambeth access be removed from the project. This petition was signed by every one of the residents of Lambeth and Ascot, the streets that **all** the traffic from the project would need to travel. This is not an issue that some are concerned with. We are **unanimous** in our disapproval of the Lambeth Dr access.

In summary, this project is ill conceived for this area. Should you not agree that the rezoning is inappropriate, we request that at minimum you remove the access to Lambeth Dr and make this an Ann Arbor-Saline Rd **only** project.

Thank you.