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To: Rampson, Wendy
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Ms. Rampson:

I am a resident in the Woodcreek Subdivision off Chalmers Rd and I am strongly opposed to this project.

Married with two kids in Ann Arbor public schools (Huron and Tappan).

The main and most important reason I am strongly opposed is this: Traffic is already ridiculously BAD coming in and out of Chalmers onto Washtenaw. During rush hour traffic is beyond ridiculous! I have witnessed several close calls and accidents there and even thinking about how much worse this can get raises my blood pressure. We moved into this area in late 2007 and traffic has gotten increasingly worse year after year. We love Ann Arbor but as kids are getting ready to go to college do we really need this aggravation to put up with even more traffic through our neighborhood to clog that intersection even more? Seriously, have everyone in the commission drive through here in several times of the day, especially around 8 am and 5 pm. It's a zoo! I frankly do not understand and find it very bizarre that the access road at the west side of Arborland (it even has a traffic light!) is not being considered.

In addition, Chalmers gets many potholes especially in the winter and it appears paving it is not even an option? I can live with it being non paved, it is fine for this amount of cars. But nowhere near being adequate if we get so many new cars going through it with the new development.

Finally, we enjoy seeing our kids play in our subdivision streets as the traffic is still low. Having all these new cars flying through it to make it to the intersection of Chalmers/Washtenaw to helpfully avoid queuing up will make it more dangerous. We are paying high property taxes to enjoy a quality of life in the city. So far it is worth it but the value proposition is getting less and less each year and we are now very close to that separation point with one of two kids in college. I am sensing South Pond may be it!

Thank you for listening and thank you for what you do for our city.

Best regards,

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