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To the Ann Arbor Planning Commission, Mayor and City Council-

I am concerned about the proposed development at Main and Madison. Judging by the development at 618 S. Main, the product of the same developer, Daniel Ketelaar from Urban Group, I fear the set-backs will be so small as to be unsafe. In order to turn onto Main from Mosley, a car has to drive out onto Main to see if anything is coming. It is ironic that the city forces residents to trim back the plants on their lawn extensions because of limited sight distance at corners and yet allowed this monstrosity to stick out to the point of being unsafe for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. I understand the development under consideration is at Main and Madison, not Mosley, but I find Ketelaar's idea of what fits into the Old West Side neighborhood disturbing.

I see Ketelaar compares the proposed development at Main and Madison to the Argus Building at W. William and 4th Street and also to Liberty Lofts at W. William and 1st Street. However those buildings have wide set-backs with plenty of room for sidewalks and lawn extensions with trees. There is not the same dense, crowded feeling when walking by those structures as there is at Main and Mosely. I don't mind the design of the proposed building, but it just doesn't fit in with the neighborhood. Already 618 Main casts a shadow on the homes to the West and on Washtenaw Dairy. If there is a five-story building at Main and Madison, there will be no sunlight at all.

Please consider my thoughts as you make your decision on whether to approve Ketelaar's proposed development. Sunlight and green space are more important than putting dense development on every conceivable vacant lot in our town.

-Peace, Kitty