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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: Cottages at Barton Green

To Whom It May Concern: I was unable to attend the public hearing last week but wish to voice my opinion regarding this proposed project.

I am vehemently opposed to building transient undergraduate student housing in this location. This location is so far removed from both central and north campus that students would have to drive or be driven in some way to attend classes. There is already plenty of student housing in the area, most of it extremely expensive. Mom and Pop landlords are feeling squeezed out by corporate high rise landlords.

What Ann Arbor really needs is more affordable or reasonably priced single family housing. Washtenaw county has seen tremendous growth in the past 5 years and the competition for housing near the city center is fierce causing prices to rise at a high rate. This is in effect contributing to the "affordability crisis" in Ann Arbor as well as forcing people to move farther out and commuting into Ann Arbor to work, creating more traffic which the city finds difficult to handle.

In my mind and the mind of every single person I have talked to about this issue is that The Cottages at Barton Green is a poor use for this parcel of land. A more prudent use for this parcel would be either an expansion of the North Sky development immediately to the north or some other type of owner occupied, more reasonably priced housing.

Respectfully,
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