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Subject: Proposed Cottages at Barton Green

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I have written before about my opposition to the cottage is it Barton Green. My opposition stems from the lack of responsiveness from the builders, to the impact on safety, to the increase in traffic along Pontiac Trail without any mitigating actions.

However, I hate to only express opposition without also proposing solutions and ideas.

To that end, I would like to say how important it is to me as a resident of the neighborhood that we have a new development on North Pontiac Trail that addresses two main items.

One: any development that is approved should be environmentally responsible. We already have an issue with storm drains and we're going to lose a lot of green space and wildlife areas when development goes in. I will support a development that is LEED certified, that uses passive energy collection, and is high density for families and students alike—that is a development that will be a great addition to our neighborhood.

Two: any development that is approved needs to be done in conjunction with city planners, city safety officials, and traffic engineers.

Right now, the Pontiac Trail corridor is incredibly dangerous for pedestrians bicyclists, and homeowners. My personal property has been damaged by trucks and cars jumping the curb at Barton and Pontiac Trail. In addition the traffic light at that intersection has been knocked over, and my trees have been hit.

Of course, those things pale in comparison to the many near misses my kids have had in the crosswalk with a crossing guard during school hours when cars fail to stop and have almost hit them at 40 mph.

So my overall request to you is this: let's develop this site in a thoughtful way that minimizes impact on the environment and is done using the best resources we have to improve the safety and well-being of our neighborhood.

Ann Arbor is a vibrant place to live because it's walkable, unique, and neighbors know and like each other. We can do better than the Cottages at Barton Green, and that site deserves to be developed in a way that's good for our community instead of a detriment to our values.

Thank you,

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