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**Subject:** I oppose the Chalmers Dr. Parking lot  
**Importance:** High

Mr. Cheng:

Please pass this to the Planning Commission members, thank you!

Dear Planning Commission members:

I am a resident of the Woodcreek subdivision (1457 Emily Ct.) and I strongly oppose the rezoning of the Chalmers Dr lot from residential to commercial to become a parking lot!

Single family residential property use should remain residential property use. If you grant this change to commercial it will change the character of our neighborhood drastically. Frankly, I just do not see a reason for this change as I have observed the following as I drive on Chalmers Dr to get to Washtenaw several times EVERY day:

-The Chalmers Drive shopping center parking lot is always almost empty. I see no reason for an extra parking lot frankly. Perhaps the owner should be more focused on attracting tenants instead of expanding parking space as it clearly has been shown that lack of parking space is NOT the problem.

-There are plenty of parking spaces in Arborland Mall if the present Chalmers Shopping center ever gets nearly full. (For the record, I have NEVER seen it more than a third full!). This can promote walking and may contribute in the changes mentioned about this corridor.

-The houses next to the proposed parking lot have small children and safety will be a primary concern! In addition to the traffic, noise and litter!

-And now another issue that is of primary importance to all residents here. The traffic off Chalmers to Washtenaw is tremendous and is getting worse! There are times during the day that drivers must wait several minutes to turn left (in both directions) and is getting to be dangerous. We frequently see accidents at this intersection. I understand putting another traffic light is not feasible. Adding another parking lot to this mess will ONLY make this situation so unbearable that, frankly, I would consider moving my family out of the City and escape the high property taxes along with this traffic madness! Please take some time yourselves and come drive here and attempt to turn left and see yourself how adding yet another (not needed) parking lot will push this extreme situation to a breaking point. If you come during rush hour please bring some reading material with you, it will take a while to turn left.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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