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Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:22 AM
To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: Trinitas proposal: "Cottages at Barton Green"

Dear Planning Commissioners:

My name is Ed Dawson. I live at 473 Skydale.

I oppose the "Cottages at Barton Green" development as proposed by Trinitas Ventures.

This development is going to be a remote, defacto dormitory. 700 young college students, in order to get to and from their classes and nightclubs, are going to be driving up to 550 vehicles. According to car insurance companies, these drivers are high risk. An influx of high-risk drivers is going to make Pontiac Trail, a NARROW street, unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Trinitas has done little to encourage their prospective residents to minimize car ownership and usage. They seem to dismiss our proposals for covered bike parking. They can't even offer two or three parking spots for ridesharing services like Zipcar.

Trinitas wants to plop their dorm down, provide a shuttle, declare victory, and leave ? I wonder how committed they are to improving our community. They say they've done their research and that their proposal will work here. I think they're underestimating Ann Arbor. Residents here value non-motorized travel and have a respect for vulnerable road users.

I have no objection to the parcel being developed, and I would like to see a high density population living there. I just don't want that population to be ALL college students.

A few months ago, I dropped by the Planning Commission office to learn something about this proposal. Mr. Jeff Kahan said something to the effect that more traffic originates from family housing than from student housing. Parents drive their kids to all sorts of activities.

I'm sure Mr. Kahan is right. But I'd still feel safer with mothers driving their kids than with kids driving. Mothers aren't going to be driving their kids to and from liquor stores and nightclubs. The quality of driver is as important, if not more so, than the quantity of trips taken.

Please reject this proposal as it stands. Replace it with one that makes our community a community and our roads safe.

Thank you for your time,
Ed Dawson