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Subject: 2250 Ann Arbor-Saline Road Project

Dear Members of the Planning Commission and Planning Commission Staff:

Our family resides at 2122 Ascot Road, directly across from the site of the proposed project at 2250 Ann Arbor Saline Road.

We agree with many of the views already expressed by our neighbors. The project would change the fundamental character of our neighborhood in many ways. First, we understand that the proposed project would entail destroying landmark trees within the property. Our neighborhood has already suffered the loss of multiple Ash trees, which were taken down due to the Emerald Ash Borer invasion. Our street should not further suffer the loss of the remaining green patch of the neighborhood. In particular, removal of any landmark or mature trees for the construction of an access road/gate is simply not justified, based on the Fire Department's previous indication that the access road is non-essential. Furthermore, it appears to us that ongoing and continued oversight will be needed to prevent misuse of the access road. In particular, it is of great concern that the construction of the access road will lead to its imminent or future use as a main throughway for general traffic, rather than emergency-only traffic. Such access, if enabled at any point, would alter the essential character of our neighborhood, and alter the zoning rules under which current homeowners on the street purchased their properties. The proposed detention pond is also of concern. Is there any possibility that the pond could cause flooding of neighborhood homes, and who would be responsible for any flooding that results? In the long-term, who will be responsible for maintaining the pond and ensuring the intended function? How will the city enforce and oversee the maintenance of the pond?

Thank you for your consideration of these and other important concerns,

Sincerely, Malini Raghavan