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Subject: proposed Cottages at Barton Green development

I am writing to express my concern with the proposed development of the Cottages at Barton Green on Pontiac Trail. I live on Pontiac Trail and drive on this street every day. It is a wonderful mix of apartment complexes and single family homes of various sizes that cater to students and families across the socioeconomic spectrum, in line with the city's master plan. The presence of families and their use of the neighborhood schools and parks provide a stable and welcoming neighborhood environment. My concerns are three-fold. First, the developer aims to build apartments with shared living spaces that can cater ONLY to undergraduates who are transient, not invested in the neighborhood, and potentially disruptive to the quiet neighborhoods around this site. A mixed development with apartments that can appeal to young families or older couples would be a better use of the space and more in line with the the city's master plan. Second, the development of this region of Pontiac Trail, while welcome, brings traffic concerns and I have not seen an analysis of how the increase in traffic on this major street will be addressed. The bike lane is invaluable but I am afraid we will lose it to a left-turn lane. I am also concerned that the answer will be more traffic lights which will result in increased noise and pollution in the area. Third, I am disappointed that no affordable housing options are being presented giving the high and rising costs of living in Ann Arbor.

Thank you.

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