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Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 4:03 PM
To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: Comment on "Cottages at Barton Green"

Dear Planning Commission:

I am unable to attend the public hearing today on the "Cottages at Barton Green," but I'd like to submit a comment on the development as a resident of the area affected by the proposal. I find the development to be completely unsuitable, out of character, and far too big for a quiet neighborhood of largely single-family homes. Furthermore, the location is inappropriate for student housing, particularly undergraduate student housing. Why would students want to live so far from campus? Given all the student housing high-rises that have recently been built close to campus, do we really need more student housing, or will "Cottages at Barton Green" prove to be an enormous white elephant?

Another consideration is the enormous traffic problem in this area. Because of the M-14 exit-entrance off Barton Drive, traffic from all over this side of town backs up so badly at drive time that we can't even get off our street. Barton Drive simply wasn't built and is not suited to handle the traffic going to M-14, and this highway access is extremely dangerous. Our street and others also have a lot of cut-through traffic by drivers trying to avoid the traffic light at Barton and Pontiac Trail. And that's not to mention all the traffic whizzing down Pontiac Trail at high rates of speed. The North Sky "development" will already exacerbate the traffic problem, and the "Cottages at Barton Green" are sure to make it even worse. No further "development" should be allowed in this area unless and until the traffic problems are resolved.

Sincerely,

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