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City of Ann Arbor Planning Commissioners
c/o Planning and Development Services
301 E. Huron
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Re: Shell Station Addition – Eisenhower and Saline-Ann Arbor Road

Dear Planning Commissioners:

As you know, our firm represents Cranbrook Village Limited Partnership (“Cranbrook”) regarding the changes proposed at the Shell Gas Station site located at 2679 Saline-Ann Arbor Road (“Project”).

Cranbrook owns the Shopping Center located directly adjacent to the Project on the East and North.

The Owner of the Shell Station site has submitted an updated Site Plan for the Project showing a 4 ft. tall decorative fence to be installed behind the building addition. However the Owner has not proposed a fence for the remainder of the boundary line separating the Shell Station from Cranbrook.

WALKABILITY; SIDEWALK; SAFETY.

Cranbrook supports walkability between the Shell Station businesses and the Cranbrook businesses, but only in a safe manner. There is a public sidewalk along Eisenhower Parkway providing this pedestrian access and walkability in a safe and convenient manner.

Safe pedestrian access between the properties will be encouraged if the Owner installs of a fence along the full length of the line separating Cranbrook from the Shell Station, up to the public sidewalk.

The fence should be tall enough to discourage climbing or jumping over it, and should be of decorative metal for long term viability. We had suggested a 5 ft. tall decorative metal fence would serve these purposes.

Without this fence it is likely that pedestrians will attempt to walk up and down the steep grade separating the two properties. A 10:1 grassy grade is not designed for pedestrians and is dangerous, especially in wet, snowy or icy weather as is so often the case in Michigan.



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The Planning Commissioners' decision to require a fence up to the sidewalk will encourage safe walkability between the two properties. On behalf of Cranbrook, we request this be a condition of PUD site plan approval.

Thank you for your consideration.
Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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