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Subject: Project #SP17-014

Dear Planning committee members,

As a long-time resident of Ann Arbor's Ward 1, I strongly oppose the unfettered development of the Pontiac Trail corridor, in particular the poorly conceived Cottages at Barton Green (project #SP17-014). As our current and incoming Ward 1 council members Jason Frenzel and Anne Bannister can attest, this will exacerbate current Northside problems including;

- Traffic congestion
- Lack of affordable housing
- Decreased access to services (e.g. Grocery/food)
- Decreased Diversity
- Decreased Quality of life

Currently, there is insufficient infrastructure and services for Ann Arbor's Northside. Northbound evening traffic is so congested that between 4pm and 6pm, traffic backs up from the Broadway bridge to NB Pontiac Trail, Barton Dr. from Starwick to the M14 interchange, Plymouth onto Barton, as well as NB Nixon Rd from Traver to Pontiac Tr. While public transportation theoretically could reduce congestion, current bus routes have limited hours of service and none serve the Ann Arbor/South Lyon/Brighton corridor.

In addition, current services, notably grocery stores, are insufficient to serve the current population. The only affordable grocery store, Kroger on Plymouth Rd, is frequently filled to capacity and cannot stock enough food to accommodate shoppers, especially during workday evenings and weekends when most families shop.

Already there are three major housing projects currently under construction on the Northside, adding a total of nearly 1,500 residents with two Trowbridge (195 residents) and Woodbury Club (277 residents) within a mile of each other on heavily-travelled Pontiac Trail. The addition of 716 residents at the proposed Barton Green is ill-conceived. There is simply not enough infrastructure nor public support for this development.

As our city representatives, you have the responsibility to ensure safe, sustainable, and sane living in Ann Arbor. Cottages at Barton Green (project #SP17-014) does not meet these goals and should be rejected outright.

Sincerely,

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