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Subject: Platt Road Townhomes comments

Dear Planning Commission,

I'm writing today about the Platt Road Townhomes development (agenda item 8-a on next week's agenda). While I believe this development is a positive thing, given that each development is a decades-long commitment by the city I would like to see the city push to make it better.

To that end, I have some questions that I would like to see if the developer would be willing to answer.

- Is there space for more units here? This seems similar density to Colonial Square on the other side of Platt Rd, but ideally it would be a bit higher density.
- Why did the developer not implement any of the changes recommended from the [sustainability review](#)? The [second sustainability review](#) pointed out no relevant changes. I'm especially interested in:
 - Rooftop solar on south- and west-facing roof spaces
 - Full building electrification
 - EV charging infrastructure (even just a small number of paid, shared EVSEs would make owning electric vehicles more feasible for those living in the development)
 - Bicycle infrastructure
- Related to the bicycle infrastructure, I would like to see the development provide secured ([class A](#)) bicycle storage for residents as well as some covered ([class B](#)) storage for guests.
- Could we get a pedestrian path to the wetland behind the development? The connections provided by Colonial Square to the Scarlett-Mitchell nature area help to provide natural space access for both the residents of the co-op and other nearby residents. Likewise, providing this path would allow the city's parks department to provide trail access from the west side of the development, which could provide safe pedestrian connections to both Pilgrim park and Mary Beth Doyle park.

It is my belief that we should be making Ann Arbor the best city it can be, and these changes to the site plan would help this development to contribute substantially to that goal.

Thank you,

Alex Lowe