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**From:** City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission  
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**To:** Cespedes, Christopher  
**Subject:** FW: "Narrowing of the Wallingford/Harding Intersection"

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From: Karen Healy <XXXXXX@me.com>  
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Subject: "Narrowing of the Wallingford/Harding Intersection"

Dear Mayor Taylor & members of the Ann Arbor Transportation Commission,

I am writing with reference to the proposal to narrow the Wallingford / Harding Intersection. I read with interest / surprise that this is for traffic calming reasons.

I would like to object to this proposal for the following reasons:

1. I walk/bike my children to/from school past this intersection regularly. I have never noticed much in the way of traffic even at the traditionally busy school run times. The same cannot be said for other roads in/out of this Tappan school neighborhood.

I purposefully taught my children to bike via Wallingford due to it being the quietest and safest route for them to/from school. There is no objective evidence to support the need for traffic calming. This seems like very poor use of what I can only assume are valuable & scarce funds.

2. In contrast the state of repair in neighboring roads has rendered some of the roads very high risk. I have seen children fall off bikes in huge pot holes and have witnessed cars speeding up and down neighboring roads. I cannot understand why repairs & safety in this very neighborhood are not being prioritized more effectively from high to low risk.

3. There are multiple areas where traffic is a huge risk and that I know have been reported on multiple times following traffic accidents. Hill & Washtenaw junctions being prime examples. I fail to understand why a very low risk area is being prioritized over high risk areas.

4. I am from the UK. Curves in roads are attractive and bring character to a neighborhood. The proposed traffic calming plan to remove the curve is not only unnecessary, but the design is not in fitting with the rest of the neighborhood. I cannot understand why money would be wasted to correct something that is attractive and not a traffic related risk?

We depend on you to be good stewards of our City and to sensibly allocate taxpayer funds or grants. This seems to be a total waste of time and money.

I urge you to reconsider moving forward with this project and instead prioritize something more high risk that would bring value to this community and enhance safety.

Thank you for your consideration

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