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Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 1:38 PM
To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: Concern re: the Cottages at Barton Green

Dear Ann Arbor Planning Commission,

My husband Jan and I are very concerned about the proposed student housing, the Cottages at Barton Green being proposed, not far from our area, just north of the Arrowood Co-op.

I'm very honored to be an Ann Arbor resident. We purchased a home in the fall of 2017 at 2310 Hilldale Drive, returning to our favorite city of Ann Arbor, Michigan where we met 25 years ago during our junior year in college at the University of Michigan.

We really enjoy living in the quieter, Northside of Ann Arbor and are fortunate to live right up next to the Greenbelt connection to many of the nature trails in our area. I really do not enjoy the thought of 700 or more students, adding to the increased traffic and also, possible strain to public transportation, if the development becomes a reality.

I understand that cities change, but I am worried about the added environmental congestion. Over the years, we have visited Ann Arbor and have seen many changes. One reason that I wanted to relocate back to Ann Arbor was due to its more eco-conscious approach to daily life.

During my undergraduate years at the University of Michigan, I did four years of work-study at The Ecology Center of Ann Arbor. During this time, I became familiar with the poor, environmental track record of Gelman Sciences as a company. When I saw that the land on the proposed site was owned by Santosh Mehra, former CFO of Gelman Sciences, I felt motivated and curious to research this proposed development.

I have concerns about the developer. I see that the developer Trinitas has applied for a wetland permit, but I do worry about them complying with local laws, since they are an Indiana-based company. I hope that they have the ability to comply. I've also heard from neighbors that Trinitas says they will not add covered bicycle parking, an AAATA bus stop, or Zipcars, all of which the Planning Commission suggested on in October 2017. This doesn't add to my faith in their company in adhering to their promise to add a berm to that area's boundary, for sound and sight mitigation for the neighbors who live near there.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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