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Subject: South Pond Village/Arborland Expansion concern

Hello,

I am writing about the potential Arborland expansion detailed in a recent MLive article.

I am a resident of Woodcreek subdivision, and I can tell you that making a left turn on to Washtenaw from Chalmers often means taking our lives into our hands. Not only is it technically an illegal left turn, but there is no "do not block this entrance" signage, nor stop light to make this even minimally safe or simple to do.

Washtenaw is already SO overcrowded, and often totally unsafe to change lanes in, turn on to, or maneuver through at peak use times. I cannot imagine adding even more traffic to this area, bus or car, that new shopping areas would inevitably draw. This seems so unwise and so unsafe.

Additionally, I do not want to see even more "big box" stores in Ann Arbor, when we are not only seeing more and more close down, but also when we are trying as a city to maintain an atmosphere that is unique and special--not generic like every other town in the U.S. with more Targets and Best Buys.

Please reconsider allowing this proposal to go forward. Housing plans alone would increase traffic to a problematic level, but the proposal for more shopping is just untenable with the current Washtenaw layout and traffic. I understand we will have to accept some kind of development in that area; to hope otherwise is naive. But this latest plan, with increased traffic and undesirable development, is NOT the answer.

Sincerely,
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