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Subject: Cottages at Barton Green development

Dear Ann Arbor Planning Commissioners,

Regarding the Cottages at Barton Green development, as a resident of the Huron Highlands subdivision, I am writing to ask you to NOT approve this development as it is presented.

This is a family/residential area with many children walking along Pontiac Trail to attend the A2STEAM school. The Cottages at Barton Green is designed for 700 undergrad students (17 to 21 years old – first time living away from home) that will “rush” to and from classes along Pontiac Trail just as our children are walking to and from school. Already I have seen many commuters bypassing the Pontiac Trail/Barton Drive intersection by taking Manor Drive to Hilldale then Brede PL to get onto Barton Drive to access M-14. This development will most likely increase the use of side streets to bypass the Barton/Pontiac Trail intersection, making cars rush through our side streets as the children walk to and from school.

This age group (17 to 21) is also more likely to experiment with recreational drugs and may bring unwelcome predators that like to target this age group for use and extortions. This neighborhood, Huron Highlands, are currently enjoying very low crime rates compared to other areas around Ann Arbor that house large number of undergraduate students. I can see this development forcing the City of Ann Arbor to re-assess the deployment of the Ann Arbor Police Department personnel to address issues that normally follow a high number of undergraduate student activities. Drinking and driving is never a good idea, but with 700 undergraduates living out of walking distance to “party places” I can see an increase in driving under influence along Pontiac Trail if this development is approved. Again, this is along a road our children walk to and from school and cross often to play with other families on either side of Pontiac Trail.

I am for development of the city and welcome good changes, but not like this, this is the wrong place for undergraduate housing, Single family housing would be best, but condo’s or apartments would also be welcome.

Thank you for your time.

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