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**Subject:** Cottages at Barton Green/Pontiac Trail traffic

Dear Planning Commission,

I'm opposed to the Cottages at Barton Green development as the plan is currently proposed.

It is clear to me that Pontiac Trail north of Skydale will be developed, which is part of the normal pace of progress and needs to happen to address the need for housing in Ann Arbor.

My opposition stems from two main factors.

First, the Cottages development proposal does not allow any time to fully assess traffic and environmental impact from the Pulte North Sky development. The preliminary traffic study for the Cottages showed what is easy to see and hear every day: that Pontiac Trail and Barton Drive are at capacity, and the City's lack of enforcement makes these streets dangerous for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other drivers. Waiting to approve another development gives the City time to understand the impact of North Sky and come up with a plan to keep pedestrians--especially kids going to school--safer, along with the wildlife, water, and soil that are in this area.

Second, the City recently commissioned an expensive study about housing and equality. The Cottages do not help with the affordable housing shortage we are experiencing. In a combined 8 years of my kids attending Northside/A2 STEAM, they have had exactly 1 teacher who can afford to live in Ann Arbor. This isn't the kind of town we want to be--where the professionals educating my children (and making a very livable wage) can't afford to live here!

I urge you to consider development that promotes density while also achieving our City's other goals of affordability, sustainability, and safety.

Sincerely,

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