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Subject: 2250 Ann Arbor-Saline Road Development

After working with the Old News Team at the Ann Arbor District Library I have come to conclusion that entry into the Lansdowne Subdivision from any road other than Scio Church Road was effectively considered a non-starter for any development since at least 1979.

It was during this time period that it was decided that an Eisenhower Parkway ring road would not be constructed and Seventh Street would not extend to it. It was a hotly contested issue both at the Planning Commission and City Council and well documented in the local newspaper at that time and continues in the memories of many citizens involved in politics, planning and building in the city to this day. Any request for access from Ann Arbor-Saline Road has been more easily denied since that time.

The 45 year history of the Lansdowne subdivision objecting and winning every decision on this issue and the documented and well-remembered battle in the late 1970s gives the Planning Commission and City Council all the power it needs to stop the current request for access via Lambeth Drive. No development entity can say they purchased the property without this knowledge and not be held culpable.

The current request for a second access comes disguised as a safety need but it should be remembered that the discussion for this access preceded the report and additional comments from the fire marshall stating a desire for a second access because of the difficulty of turning multiple pieces of equipment in the tight turnaround space provided in this development. It must also be restated that the current code does not require two exits for developments with under 100 units.

But there is a solution for even this issue. This massive building can be downsized till there is room to create a circle drive that allows for an easier pull-through for large vehicles and two exits (or an entrance and an exit) on Ann Arbor-Saline Road. This property must be required to accommodate all the code requirements within their own space just as the other developments along Scio Church and Ann Arbor-Saline Road were required to do.

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Matt, please confirm that this email comment will be distributed to Commission members in time for the next discussion on 2250 Ann Arbor-Saline Road.

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