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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>

Subject: Comment to A2 Planning Commission concerning Cottages at Barton Green

Dear Chairman Ken Clein and Members of the Ann Arbor Planning Commission,

I've lived at 235 Brookside Drive since 1979. I'm disappointed that the city is considering developing 32 acres between M - 14 and Pontiac Trail for luxury student housing as proposed by Trinitas Ventures. The city's master plan recommends developing this site with a mixture of housing types. Please follow these recommendations when you make a decision about developing this wooded property.

I enjoy living near so many parks and trails. I walk my beagle through Onder, a small nature area, almost every morning. My home is close to M-14 so I appreciate any buffer that can be provided and sustained by mature native trees. I agree with the following comments submitted by these city officials. Hanzel, Park Planner/Landscape Architect, wrote "We would like to have more of the natural area on site dedicated as parkland." Borneman & Gajewski, Park & Recreation Services, wrote "We would like to see more of the natural area surrounding the site dedicated as parkland. Some of the land that is not currently contained in the designated park area contains significant natural features, such as high quality woodlands and landmark trees." It seems these considerations which include more parkland with public access would be easier to adopt with the city's master plan for a mixture of housing types rather than with a plan for student housing with 225 rental units with 566 parking spaces named Cottages at Barton Green.

I look forward to attending the public hearing about the proposed development of Cottages at Barton Green.

Thanks for your consideration.

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