

From: Karen Watts
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 8:40 AM
To: Rampson, Wendy
Subject: 2250 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd Condos

Dear Wendy,

I am very disturbed by the possibility of an access road from a new condo development into the Lansdowne neighborhood. The access would not benefit the city or current residents in any way and it would inevitably become a well-used cut-through to avoid the Scio-Main intersection, especially before and after football games.

I have lived in this neighborhood for 12 years and we are not without traffic problems as it is. Residents regularly speed through the neighborhood and run stop signs. In the fall, people park throughout the neighborhood to walk to the stadium. In the last couple of years, five houses within sight of my house have been sold to people with young children. Strollers, toddlers, and kids on bikes, scooters, and skateboards are all over the neighborhood these days and the last thing we need is more traffic. This is a neighborhood, not a thoroughfare. Lambeth leads to a residential street, which leads to another residential street, which leads to a stop sign at Scio Church. This does not sound to me (and certainly shouldn't to the planning commission) like clear public access to anything.

Frankly, I can't imagine why you would approve the construction of housing on that tiny patch of land to begin with, but if it is approved, to allow it to disrupt an established neighborhood in this way would be outrageous. Clearly, the developer realizes that it will not be easy to get in and out of his property from Saline-Ann Arbor Rd.--and he's right. That's something the city should consider before allowing the condos to be built. Claiming that this access would only be used for emergencies sounds like a temporary work-around to get the proposal approved. What would constitute an emergency? A football game? Construction?

I am asking you to deny the developer access to our neighborhood.

Thank you for your time,

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