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Subject: Cottages at Barton Green

I want to thank all of the planning commissioners for your concern regarding the Cottages at Barton Green proposal which is scheduled for a vote once again on May 1st. It is clear to me that you understand the key issues regarding this proposed rent by the bedroom development. I urge you to keep listening to our community and to your heart as you cast your vote.

I have spoken already at the public hearings already and have listened intently to your conversation regarding the downsides to approving such a plan. This development just doesn't make sense in this location. If it is built and is successful in fully renting to collegians, it will result in added vehicular traffic, added pedestrian and bicycle safety problems, added noise and strain on the environment. If it is built and is unsuccessful in being fully rented the problems will be worse. We will have vacant buildings that are difficult to convert into more appropriate housing and create blight on a piece of land that could have been developed for mixed housing, senior living, or affordable housing.

The Pontiac Trail corridor is working! With housing of all kinds and a diverse population including families, seniors, singles and students; renters and homeowners of all income levels, this neighborhood is a success. We are NOT a neighborhood of NIMBY's. Rather, we embrace housing diversity and public transit. Our residents walk, bicycle and take our children to school on our already over-taxed roads. We navigate its over-crowded intersections. Commuters already clog the roads of this gateway to the city. It would be detrimental to our city and damaging to the welfare of our neighborhood to shoehorn in these "cottages" (such an interesting choice of names, don't you think?) which will add to congestion and reduce safety, but contribute very little to the ongoing success of our community.

Once again, I urge you to vote "No" on the Cottages at Barton Green.

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