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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: comment re: 2929 Plymouth Rd

Hi,

I am writing as a neighbor in opposition to the proposed bank branch at 2929 Plymouth Rd. Our family lives nearby (2851 Renfrew St) and I have kids at Thurston Elementary, up the street from the proposed bank location.

I applaud the Commission's April 4 decision to deny a special exception for a drive through at this location. I would now urge the Commission to use its discretion to deny the revised application entirely, because it represents a singularly poor use of this parcel of land.

As you are aware, Northeast Ann Arbor is already saturated with retail banking locations. It is almost comical: there are eight or more financial institutions with offices within the ~1 mile stretch of Plymouth Rd which includes this site. In a world of mobile banking and cashless payments, another retail bank location would be an anachronism before even being built.

Moreover, the proposed plans run entirely counter to the City's A2ZERO Carbon Neutrality Plan as well as its Vision Zero goals. This site is on a major transit corridor and represents a prime opportunity for additional housing and retail space which are sorely needed within the city and our neighborhood. Placing a drive-up retail bank here would squander this limited opportunity - we can and should do better than this.

Respectfully,

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