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Subject: Greenhills School Application
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As a resident and former board president of the Earhart Village Homes Association I request that you deny the Greenhills School application now before you.

The basis for my request is part geography, and part history.

We are now landlocked here. We have Earhart Road on one side of us, MI-23 on the other. We have Glacier Hills Nursing Home to our north, and a recent Toll Brothers development of mini-mansions to our south. There is literally nowhere else for anyone, including the applicant, to go without increasing the existing traffic density. which is what approval of this application would bring.

Your approval two or three years ago of the recently-completed Toll Brothers project on Earhart Road, has now brought us that exactly.

While we have had a thoroughly amicable relationship with Greenhills School itself, I cannot say the same for the parents who send their children to the school, particularly those who will not follow the proscribed traffic formula, and thereby create log jams and dangerous situations. Therein lies one big problem you now face in this request. I had a frightening medical emergency recently, in which I became trapped by just ONE obstinate Greenhills mother attempting to deliver children to morning classes in her white Cadillac SUV. While all the other parents patiently worked their way up the proscribed line of cars to the designated drop-off point for their children, Cadillac-Cathy decided to cut the line from the other direction, and thereby block the ONLY remaining lane in and out of the village. That same morning my wife was on her first day home after a week in Trinity-St. Joe's hospital, with instruction from her surgeon that if her abdomen started bleeding again, I was to immediately bring her back through the Emergency Room.

Well, the bleeding started again. So, we gingerly loaded her into our car, drove about two hundred feet and onto Greenhills Drive, where we were immediately stopped by the white SUV blocking traffic as it tried to make an "illegal" left from the opposite direction into the school.

Suddenly, I was locked in front and back, with nowhere to go. I honked but the SUV driver would not budge. I honked again and flashed my lights. No movement. In a panic about my wife, I just leaned on the horn until finally Mommy Dearest angrily yanked her steering wheel and cleared out of the lane. I was then able to proceed to the ER. Certainly, this was an unusual situation. But it still illustrates why there is a case to be made that Greenhills School has problem with traffic. A problem of its own making, by repeatedly applying to the city and getting approval for what amounts to expanding its student population by little increments.

What is crucial to understand here is that Greenhills is no ordinary school. It's not a cute little community school where most of the kids walk to and from class. It is a magnet school, which pulls in wealthier families to it from far away. And that means CARS. Most students are driven here by parents. And therein lies the key to understanding the problem we face. We get a vast number of cars here twice a day—8AM and 3PM—when parents drop off and pick up their children.

Very simply put, our community is the victim of Greenhills School's success. The school has come before you again and again, asking permission to increase their self-created, unsolvable problem; one that, very frankly, the city has not only allowed, but encouraged to fester and then grow.

Geographically, Greenhills now has nowhere further it can move. It is basically land-locked. Yet it keeps somehow thinking that with a little squeeze here, and another squeeze over there, it will magically all work out better. The problem is that it can't.

Therefore, I believe the only sane solution is for you to deny yet ANOTHER move on part of the school to increase student population, and bring even more cars moving in and out of Greenhills Drive.

I urge you to reject the request.

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