

Re: 2250 Ann Arbor-Saline Road Condominium Project

Dear Ann Arbor Planning Commission and Staff:

My mother lives at 521 Lambeth Drive in Lansdowne. The 2250 Ann Arbor-Saline Road condominium project currently under consideration very directly affects her and other neighbors. The project calls for providing access from Lambeth Drive and it includes a storm water detention pond. The project will increase traffic in Lansdowne, which will change the character of the subdivision. In addition, the neighborhood is already a free parking lot on football game days and this will only add more traffic. The detention pond will be located 25 feet from the properties on Lambeth Drive, Ascot and Chaucer, which will pose a potential hazard to those properties if it should flood. The city cannot guarantee that the pond will not flood, no matter how large the pond is. The pond would be constructed in order to attempt to address flooding problems in the area, but this is not the correct solution to the flooding problems.

In 1997, the engineering firm Black & Veatch conducted a study of the city's sewer system and reported that upgrades needed to be made in order to address the flooding problems. The city ignored that report. Instead, it proceeded with a horrible Footing Drain Disconnection Program that is riddled with problems. The flooding problems are the result of many years of poor planning and adding new development to an already overloaded sewer system. This project and further new development must be stopped and the sewer system must be upgraded in order to address the flooding problems.

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