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Good Afternoon,

I am unable to attend your meeting tonight; but I live at 120 Charles Park Drive, in fact, this June I have lived in that house for 20 years. I am aware of the Community Dev Plan for the area by our water tower. I drive on Greenview; past that water tower and down Franklin Ave approximately 6 times per day; to LC schools, to work, home for lunch, back to work - and often times - if there sporting events for my kids, make that 8 times per day. I have always loved my neighborhood. Whispering oaks has increased traffic; but the area seems pretty nice so far so I guess it is what it is.
Now I hear of this new plan and am writing to say I not only disagree with this proposal, but am disappointed in the way this was handled, upon appearances it seems this was kept on the down-low. It is very disappointing that you would not be talking to nearby residents -but only notifying the ones you're legally required to notify. How would you like this in your own backyard? That said, it's difficult to be a supporter or our community when you hear about plans like this. It feels like not only do you not care to seek community input/feedback, but it's as if we have no right to keep our neighborhoods as they are; we just wait for someone to come along and ruin it. Have you considered that this affects residents like me? So everyone who is involved here gets rich; but you hurt your long time community residents. For example, I have planned to have my home paid off and stay for retirement and now I will need to adjust my plans that I've worked hard to achieve due to the fact that I will not live in my home if this plan goes through. Not only will this drastically increase traffic on a 2 lane access road - but bringing along with hundreds of new residents, but also their visitors, apparently workers for assisted living and other retail spaces, and Lord knows what else....why can't we ever just leave some nice things alone? I will definitely move, not that anyone cares; but that type of neighborhood is not why I chose my home, and **not what I pay such high property taxes for.**
AGAINST this plan, please consider long-time residents opinions.

Thank you.
Karen Johnson