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Dear Ms. Burke-

I am writing to express my deep despair regarding the planning of construction of multi tenant housing and heritage tree removal on Middlefield Rd, primarily East Middlefield Rd and Whisman Rd, between Shoreline Drive and 237.

I have lived in the Whisman neighborhood since 2006 and I am currently a homeowner, a taxpayer and an upstanding citizen. The current plans I see on signs posted to build multi tenant housing on small areas of property and to remove multiple heritage trees is very concerning due to the environmental damage these projects will cause.

The Whisman District does not have infrastructure to support the building under consideration. There is no developed public transportation thus every resident will require a vehicle and I would suspect that many residences will have more than one vehicle. Perhaps you will be able to enlighten me as to where all these vehicles will be parked? Whisman Rd, Middlefield Rd and Tyrella St can not accommodate the parking as it is and there is not room for a significant number of vehicles.

The proposal to build a 9 unit complex on Tyrella on 0.5 acres is preposterous. This will be incredibly disruptive to the current residents and will congest the Middlefield-Tyrella intersection leading to increased accidents and disputes regarding lack of parking. I also can not understand how the city utilities will be able to accommodate the increase in residents proposed.

Furthermore, to remove the proposed heritage trees on Middlefield Rd and Whisman Rd is very disheartening. As you know, we have a dangerous level of global warming as well as a severe drought. When I drive around the lower peninsula, I am struck by the number of dead and dying trees from lack of water and, now, you want to remove live trees as well. The trees are very necessary to process the pollutants in our air and removing the trees compounded by the increasing natural tree death will only lead to increased pollutants in our air and increased global warming. Planting new trees can not be the answer as we are in a severe drought and how will you water the newly planted trees? They will only die. The trees also create beauty and serenity in our District, which we all know is sorely needed in the current social climate.

It is very sad for me to see how the City Planners are working to ruin the Whisman District.

Thank you for considering my letter.

Sincerely,

