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Dear Mr. Boswell,

This is an amended letter of the one we sent March 15. We had an opportunity to look over the proposed MJC Harvard Place building plans and have some different concerns.

As stated in our previous letter, our family has lived on School Road for 30 years, in 3 different houses, because we enjoy the quiet nature of the road. We chose to build our current house, which runs parallel to the MJC Harvard Place project, as far back as we could, to get away from the road, and as close to the woods as possible, without disturbing the trees and wetland area. We have enjoyed the peaceful surroundings.

Likely you would agree that the interests of a homeowner, especially one who built their own house for their family, has much different interests than a 'for profit' builder of rental properties. We realize there is no stopping the progress of our community, but we request that the city ensure us that the relative privacy we enjoy not be totally taken away from our family.

Therefore, these are our concerns and requests:

- 1) We want a **maintained** privacy fence along our property line. We want a visual reminder to the new residents that our wooded property is **not** for the public. We also do not want to contend with any pets they may have on **any** of our property.
- 2) We would not have purchased or built our house if the size of the parcels and amount of neighbors were what they will be with the proposed project.
- 3) We do not think it is appropriate or fair for the current homeowners on School Road to pay for the road to be paved considering the amount of residents of Harvard Place will more than double those currently using the road. Also, if School Road is paved, there will much more 'through' traffic. We want a guarantee we will not be required to pay for the paving process.
- 4) We are concerned that the retention ponds draining into Honeywell drain will be too much for

the wetland. In the spring, our property's water table rises a *minimum* of 8 feet, flooding a large area of our yard just outside our house. As you are well aware, part of this property is a designated Wetland Area. We worked with the city when we built our house to be respectful of that. What is the plan for Harvard Place? How will it affect our land?

- 5) The sprinkler system shedding onto the northwest corner will come onto our property and that is an unnatural amount of water for the wetland to take.
- 6) The fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides used to maintain the landscaping of the buildings will drain onto the wetland soil. How will the city manage that?

Again, we realize we can not stop progress in our community, we only ask that the city consider the fairness of their decisions and take into consideration the welfare of their longtime residents who have been paying taxes and caring for their community as loyal citizens.

Sincerely,

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