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Dear Council Members,

I read both Mr. Handwork's & Ms Parker's emails & would like to offer my agreement to both. I also believe this development to be as good one, as they both have noted. I am excited at the prospect of watching this development as well as Greensboro Village as I believe this is the direction other cities the size of Jonesboro are going and the plan seems to work well. With that said, I am also hoping we keep in mind from the earliest stages that trees & sensible green space is vitally important not only from an aesthetics perspective but overall health of our community. That said, I also share their concerns.

As a citizen who serves on the MPO and served on the Master Street Committee, the access points on Southwest Dr concern me as well. SW Dr is phenomenally busy as it is & it's my opinion that we need to be extremely cautious about adding to or hindering the flow of traffic. We need to be much more mindful about limiting accesses than we have in past developments, especially on roads as busy as SW Dr. Mention was made at the recent MAPC meeting of ARDOT putting in a traffic signal 'at some point'. My concern is there is a light @ SW Dr & Parker and a light @ Keller's Chapel Rd., Will ARDOT be open to one in between? At our recent MPO meeting, it was said ARDOT likely wouldn't approve a light @ State St & Johnson because of the close proximity to two other lights.

My other point would be to strongly agree with Mr Handwork's thoughts about a 10' buffer of green space between road & sidewalk. As a former member of the Sidewalk Committee as well, I can tell you our feelings were not in favor of sidewalks butting against any road or highway, let alone one as busy as & having the speed limit of SW Dr. Please, let's do better going forward.

Finally, I add kudos to Ms. Parker's email to MAPC in which she correctly points out this development being a gateway to our city; let's please consider all which that entails & please, let's all aspire to do much better in our planning of green space with not only this development & Greensboro Village but in our city in general.

I know all these comments come early in the development of this particular project but I believe this is the time for early consideration of these important points.

Thank you all for your time. I miss your smiling faces & hope to see you soon.

Warmly,  
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