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To Whom it May Concern;

This letter is in reference to the application to develop a subdivision on Salem Heights Ave. I live on the alley alongside the proposed development, at 695 Salem Heights. My concerns are three-fold: habitat loss, environmental impact, and increased traffic.

Though Salem Heights is a connector street, it does not meet the city's current description of a connector street. As cited by city employees, a connector street is 40-60' wide, while Salem Heights is merely 20' *and* lacks sidewalks. A year ago my fears were realized when a driver veered off the road, drove through a stand of mailboxes and a large hedge, and finally came to a stop in the condos parking lot directly across the road from this proposed development. My greatest fear is that this will happen during the morning commute when students are waiting at the various bus stops along the street. That morning period is already quite scary during the time of year when the rising sun impedes drivers' sight.

As an urban green space, the property in question offers significant benefits to our local air quality and temperatures. A quick Google search on the topic of "urban green space benefits" populates any number of scholarly articles. An academic search at a research university would yield even more.

Further, the property currently provides critical habitat for many wildlife. Most notably, a small herd of deer call it home. They regularly walk the neighborhood but this property provides protected space for giving birth to their fawns. Developing the land will force the deer into parks and backyards, removing critical protection.

When considering this application please take heed of the concerns of current residents, particularly as they relate to habitat loss, environmental impact, and community safety. The fact that Salem Heights is half the width intended for a connector street - and lacks sidewalks or true curbs - *significantly* increases risk to residents if an additional 315 trips are added per day.

Thank you,  
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