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Please accept this testimony opposing the application to develop Wren Heights (Case #SUB-ADJ19-02).

I have lived for 13 years on Salem Heights Avenue South, which forms the southern boundary of the proposed development. I frequently walk along Salem Heights to reach stores and restaurants on Commercial Street, and to enjoy the natural beauty of our neighborhood. Many of these walks take place in the morning, when drivers are heading to work and kids are heading to school.

I know that I have to be extra vigilant during these walks because of the risks I face from traffic. The lanes are so narrow that cars regularly move away from the center line (and very close to people on the shoulder) when they meet cars coming from the opposite direction. When that happens, I sometimes have to step into weeds or bushes to avoid being hit. Making things even riskier, the road is hilly, and drivers coming over the hills can't see pedestrians until it's too late. I can't imagine what a child on a bicycle would do in that situation.

Adding hundreds of cars to the traffic already on Salem Heights, as the proposed development would do, would just make things more dangerous.

I ask the City Council to deny the current application for Wren Heights. I also encourage the Council to explore other ways to develop the property without impacting Salem Heights. One option that I have heard about would block access to Salem Heights from the development until Salem Heights was improved to a safe level. I think this would be a great way to go.