

November 25, 2007

Re: Biddulph Trail COMS07-0026

I am writing regarding the proposed development project that would entail rezoning to cluster residential zoning. In the application process, item 4 indicates that the applicant must provide "a statement of the relation of the proposed change or amendment to the general welfare of the community, to appropriate plans for the area, and to the changed or changing conditions influencing the request to rezone."

I would be curious to see this statement as I see no benefit to the general welfare of the community with this project. Land uses in this area have not changed (and are not changing) for over 50 years. I lived in a home abutting this property as a child and my mother and father, James Howard Childs and Mary Childs, still live there. They are very concerned about the degradation of land use proposed here, but are unable to attend the public hearing due to failing health.

My father and I are both engineers. Dad served as the City Engineer for North Olmsted for a number of years. Both of us are concerned with potential drainage problems from the proposed development.

Growing up in North Olmsted was a pleasure. The City's strict adherence to historic preservation of the Butternut Ridge Road area has always impressed me. Allowing this development would set a terrible precedent for the area.

I hope the Planning Commission will deny this rezoning and the project associated with it. If the land is to be developed, my parents and I would ask that it be done within the confines of the existing zoning, and that lot and home sizes would be comparable to those found on the properties adjacent.

Sincerely,

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Rec'd at  
meeting  
11-28-07