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Good morning Ms. Edwards,

My name is Courtney Rice. I reside at 7 Linden Court along with my two young daughters. I am unable to attend the Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 15, but would like to voice my concern regarding agenda item B. AA Denorfia Building and Development, LLC, petition to change a zoning district boundary from R-40 to ARCH zone, property located at 570 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, owned by Cecilia Docar (ZC #573).

As you and my neighbors are well aware, this area is already extremely populated and changing the zoning laws to allow for the building of even more homes in our community would cause an undue hardship to all the homeowners, their families, and the wildlife in the area. Zoning laws are created to protect and preserve; changing them goes vehemently against the reason they were put in place.

I felt it necessary to include some specific items of concern to be considered prior to the vote in hopes that this agenda item is not approved by the Southington Planning and Zoning Commission:

1. Increased residential and commercial traffic on the already congested Meriden Waterbury Turnpike
2. The aforementioned traffic raises additional concern regarding the multiple bus stops on the Meriden Waterbury Turnpike, both in the morning and afternoon
3. Strain to our local and state emergency services; they are already stretched so thin and an increase to a residential neighborhood adds an additional strain - top that with a 55+ community which may require additional emergency services on a more regular basis
4. Increased pollution due to the removal of trees as well as the addition of home and vehicle emissions
5. Interference to the local wildlife as their habitat is repeatedly being removed
6. Strain to our already overloaded public sewer and water supply

While I truly respect the work put forth by the community members of the Southington Planning and Zoning Commission, it is my duty as a neighbor and a mother to vocalize my concerns. Green space is quite literally and figuratively a dying piece of neighborhoods. Southington is a beautiful community and hopefully by raising my concern to all of you, I can help preserve the place we call home.

I appreciate your time and consideration,
Courtney

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