

Tamarack Trails Community Services Association, Inc.

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To: Plan Commission
City of Madison, WI

From: Tamarack Trails Board of Directors
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Re: Odana Area Plan, Legistar # 64442

Commissioners:

Thank you for this opportunity to share our thoughts and concerns about the Odana Area Plan. We recognize that these are early days in the overall development process and that bringing our voice to the conversation is important.

The Tamarack Trails community lies one block north of Mineral Point Road and West Towne Mall. As the Board of Directors, we represent the homeowners of 320 residences which are spread over approximately 50 acres. Our residents engage with the businesses, residences and open spaces of the Odana Area on a daily basis.

Areas of concern to our association include:

- **Places to Live:** We advocate for affordable housing that is attractive to a range of households, especially families. We are particularly concerned that “the missing middle” has not appeared in any of the presentations.
- **High Density:** The plans will increase traffic in and through our largely residential area. We are particularly concerned about the negative effects that a Westfield Road extension will have on Tamarack and the neighboring communities.
- **Building Heights:** Building heights and mass shown in earlier meetings reference 8- to 12-story buildings along Mineral Point. We believe this size and scale would adversely alter the character of the neighborhood.
- **Environmental Impact:** Green space, natural areas and stormwater management are important to us on our own properties. We encourage prioritizing these features as the Odana plans develop.

We support an overall vision of the Odana Area Plan which will bring cultural and economic diversity and strength to the area. The Tamarack Trails board and residents look forward to active involvement in the evolution of the Odana Area plan and wish to be included in your discussions as a party of interest.