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To: Greger, Jeffrey <JGreger@cityofmadison.com>; Elderberry Neighborhood

Subject: Resident letter on Elderberry Neighborhood Development Plan

Hello Mr. Greger,

My name is Audrey Bauman and I live at [REDACTED] Burnt Sienna Dr. in Middleton. I had plans to attend tonight's (March 19) Plan Commission meeting in Madison however some unforeseen work has come my way and now I will not be able to attend. Therefore I am sending this letter to provide you with my feedback on the revised Elderberry Neighborhood Plan.

I moved into my current house in August 2017 with my 9-year old son. I am divorced and a working single mom with shared custody of my son and had been living in a rental unit after my divorce. One of the main purposes of choosing to purchase a house in this location was to ensure that my son had a house to continue to grow up in a neighborhood with yards, families and not a lot of traffic, congestion or noise. I stretched my budget to pick a location to bring this to my son, and part of that decision was based on plans where Burnt Sienna Dr. was not a main road, connector or otherwise expected to be a busy street. With the new plan revised late 2017, this now has changed by extending Burnt Sienna to both Old Sauk Rd. and Mineral Point Rd. **I am extremely opposed to this portion of the revised plan.** Burnt Sienna was not built as a wide enough street to support it as a connector street. In addition, in the short time I've lived here, I have seen many families with young children enjoying the quiet neighborhood. The ability to enjoy neighbors across the street and within the neighborhood will be negatively impacted by this new plan as it is expected to bring more through traffic.

When driving into Madison from my house, I currently connect to Mineral Point or Old Sauk using the expected routes of Bear Claw Way or Elderberry Rd. Those roads were intended for connecting and were built accordingly (with Elderberry expansion still expected in the future). Connecting Burnt Sienna Dr. to Old Sauk and Mineral Point would not change my driving habits as there is too much traffic on Mineral Point to allow for easy access in any location other than Bear Claw Way (which has a stoplight). I have spoken with some of my neighbors on Burnt Sienna Dr, and each person I have spoken with is also opposed to this part of the revised plan. While I understand that some development will be necessary to support growth, I ask the City of Madison Planning Commission to please remove this connection of Burnt Sienna Dr. from Mineral Point and Old Sauk thereby making it a through street. Even removing one portion of the planned road will force traffic into other routes to connect to the main roads. In addition, the revised plan shows Schewe Road extending from Old Sauk Rd. (already existing connection) to Mineral Point Road and being build wide enough to allow for a higher level of traffic. This would be just one street over from Burnt Sienna and could provide the connectivity the planning commission may need. The benefit of making Schewe Road the through-street is that people who choose to purchase or live in

houses/condos/apartments on that road will be informed of the intended use and location of the road prior to making a very large investment of moving and investing hard-earned money in a mortgage.

Please reconsider this plan and make a change to allow for the continued quietness of our neighborhood. Many of us enjoy the quiet, the woods and seeing many stars at night and the health benefits associated with a quieter location to live and want to preserve this as much as possible for our families and neighbors. I am happy to speak about this further and would be fine with you contacting me with any questions regarding being a resident in the plan you are currently working on. Thank you.

Audrey Bauman

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