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Message:

To the Urban Design Committee:

RE: Meeting 1/13/2021 Hill Farm State Office Building Blocks 1 & 2

The apartment building is too tall. It should not be taller than any of the other buildings in the area. The buildings in this area are too tall as it is and this will make it worse. We need sunshine. We need green space. Isn't there a formula for how much green space you need for how many people and apartments you're planning? We need more. All this congestion brings depression, crime and disease. I believe the people per square inch is already too high, the residents of Madison are hurting.

There also needs to be more green space and retention ponds around the buildings to allow for water to soak in rather than run off. We already have floods at the University Avenue Midvale intersection and the Eau Claire Buffalo Trail intersections every time we have a heavy downpour because we don't have adequate drainage. The city has been trying to fix these problems by increasing the drainage systems (expensive) but so far have been unable to do that, besides it is much more expensive to do this after the fact than to allow for these problems NOW and make the contractors and owners/developers pay for these expenses. This high rise construction with more paved area will only make it worse - and with global warming Madison is getting MORE rain not less. The contractors must be responsible to allowing for rain water to soak in when they pave everything. We need retention ponds and GREEN SPACE!!

Last but not least traffic is going to be a huge problem if we add all these people, stores and cars without making sure there is enough space for an adequate transportation system NOW, not after the fact. All the streets will need to be widened to allow for the increase in traffic, buses & bikes and then how will people get across the street from the residential area to the

commercial area? It's already a terrible intersection and there are already too many traffic lights in the area. You need to allow for all this increase in traffic before you OK these plans not after, the current traffic plus what you will be adding, This is a major bus stop area so the buses and bus stops have to be allowed for and you need to tell us how you will promote and assure SAFE pedestrian traffic. We have bicycles, walkers, runners, running teams, wheelchairs, handicapped, elderly and CHILDREN. How will you make it safe for our children, the elderly and the handicapped to get to Target and Metcalfe's? And how do you plan to keep it a bike friendly area?

From my perspective and many of my Hill Farm neighbors would agree, you have many important issues to consider and allow for BEFORE you approve this project. And the contractors and developers should be responsible for the cost not the Madison taxpayer who is already taxed more than most in cities this size.

Thank you.

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