

November 6, 2006

Dear Mayor Kincaid and Members of the Town Board,

Over the past few weeks the residents of Walnut Street have come to realize that our quiet neighborhood no longer exists. It has been especially hard for those of us who are long time residents. Many of us have lived in our homes 20 or more years. In the last month we have watched the destruction of our natural “green space”. The woods that buffered our homes from the noise and lights of Main Street were taken down in a matter of days. Some of the children in the neighborhood said, “There goes our place to play.” An artificial park does not provide the same kind of space to have adventures and go exploring. For years we felt so lucky to have a neighborhood close to town with the natural surroundings of trees and wildlife. We were proud to say we lived in Davidson. We had the best of all worlds. Unfortunately, this way of life no longer exists.

Now we have constant construction traffic. The heavy equipment stirs up dust and makes an enormous amount of noise. The lights and noise from Main Street also invade our once quiet street. We are told this construction will go on for a year or more. When all is finished, we will have as many as 60 new homes in the space behind us – the place that was once wooded and natural. The town is evolving and this is called “infill development”. We are part of the “Village Infill” area. Planners for the town often talk about development that *preserves the existing neighborhoods*. Somehow what is happening in our neighborhood right now seems to be destroying, not preserving what we once had.

We know we cannot stop the construction, but we would like the town to help us maintain our quality of life. Heavy equipment and huge trucks are up and down the road all day long beginning as early as 6:30 AM even on Saturdays and Sundays. We have young children in the neighborhood. The heavy trucks coming down the street, maneuvering around parked cars and around the curve in the road create a dangerous situation. Another concern is the air quality. The dust is unhealthy for residents of Walnut and Goodrum Streets. It floats over the street like a cloud following the big trucks down the road. When it rains this dust turns to mud on Walnut Street.

We want to know why our residential street is being used as the construction entrance. According to the FAQ on the town website direct access to the site is off Main Street. The Goodrum Street entrance is not even going to be paved and will remain a gravel road. When is the Main

Street connection going to be opened? The residents of Walnut Street strongly urge the town to consider the impact this construction is having on our neighborhood.

We request that these concerns be addressed by emailing us at the addresses listed below. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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