

Town of Carrboro
Planning, Zoning & Inspections Department
Town Hall, 301 W. Main St., 27510 (3rd Floor)

14 March 2009

RE: Connector Road from Claremont subdivision to Colfax Drive in Wexford

CLAREMONT AIS SUBDIVISION
PHASES 4+5
MAJOR MODIFICATION TO
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
1001 HOMESTEAD ROAD
CARRBORO NORTH CAROLINA

Greetings;

The issue at hand has less to do with the connector road policy and more to do with the significant and substantial development occurring along Homestead Road and the additive/multiplicative effect such developments have on many aspects of our lives. Increased traffic is one of those effects. If it is the plan to continue to convert farm land into residential and commercial developments, a comprehensive analysis is needed.

We do not object that the town seems to have chosen the path of development along Homestead Road. All well and good. However, having chosen that path requires that a holistic plan be developed for Homestead Road. The connector road policy does not constitute a holistic approach in our view -- it merely 'hopes' that the cars will go somewhere. A basketball team with a single play in its playbook would not be very successful. Rather than a holistic approach what we see is a series of spot solutions with 'the connector road policy' as the traffic panacea. Funneling traffic through neighborhoods does not solve any problem; it merely moves the problem elsewhere and adds a new set of problems.

We ask only that our children be safe from increased vehicular threat. This connector road increases that threat. We therefore oppose this action.

Please consider the safety of our children as your highest priority.

One last topic and it pains me to raise it. We live in Wexford and we do not consider ourselves members of any privileged class, other than the privilege of living in the wonderful town of Carrboro. We pay our taxes, raise our children and contribute to the community.

Certain members of the transportation committee have insulted many, many members of the (your) community by reducing the discussion to the level of 'elitism' or 'classism'. We find such statements beneath contempt and not worthy of consideration. If any member of any committee or Board in Carrboro actually holds such views, may I suggest that they seek positions outside of government? There is simply no need for that level of discourse.

Regards,
Michael Fenton
125 Colfax Drive