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**To:** zzDept. Mail - Town Manager

**Cc:** Dan Coleman <Dan-coleman@nc.rr.com>

**Sent:** Tue May 19 12:08:05 2009

**Subject:** Re: Colleton Crossing

Please forward this to Mayor Chilton and the Board of Aldermen:

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Kindly refer to my email below, 1/29/09 and please consider the concerns raised about the development of Colleton Crossing and the proposed link through The Highlands. Also note my request for additional documentation regarding this development. If this request should be routed to another part of Town government then please advise me immediately.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Jan 27, 2009 at 12:26 AM, Imran Shah <[imran.a.shah@gmail.com](mailto:imran.a.shah@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Kindly include a copy of this email in the public record, and please forward it to Mayor Chilton, and each member of the Board of Aldermen

The Mayor,  
The Board of Aldermen,  
Town of Carrboro,  
North Carolina.  
January 26, 2009.

Dear Mr. Mayor and Board of Aldermen,

I hereby submit the following concerns for your urgent attention on the proposed development of Colleton Crossing:

1. The proposed connection of this development to the Highlands via Claymore Rd will increase traffic 5 fold to around 1000 trips each day. Most of this traffic is expected to flow through Sterling Bridge Road on its way to Homestead Road. It will also significantly increase the traffic through Tally Ho, which is already over-burdened, even dangerous to drive at times.
2. Neither Claymore Road nor Sterling Bridge Road possess sidewalks or the capacity to handle this amount of traffic. The Highlands is a part of Carrboro and these roads are below Carrboro's standard of "connectors". These roads barely allow simultaneous traffic flow in both directions.
3. The proposed development threatens the fragile ecology of Bolin Creek by infringing on

conservation areas in the Upper Bolin Creek Watershed.

4. The Highlands has more than 100 children and is a designated "walk zone" for Chapel Hill High School. The potential risk to human life due to this connector must be evaluated rigorously.

5. I live on Sterling Bridge Road and believe that the connector will pose a significant risk to the lives of my family, which includes two young children ages 1 year and 10 years.

6. Hence, I humbly suggest the following for the proposed Colleton Crossing development:

a) As it is a high density development it should have direct access to main thoroughfares without connections that would overwhelm existing neighbourhoods

b) If connectivity is required then bike paths and walking trails are safer for pedestrians and the environment

c) otherwise reduce housing density 5-fold to avoid an undue burden on connecting neighbourhoods, which threatens safety of humans and the environment

In light of these serious concerns I submit the following requests for information and/or supporting official documents relevant to the proposed Colleton Crossing and Carolina Commons developments:

1. The traffic density and flow analysis reports conducted on Reynard Road, Tally Ho Trail, Claymore Road and Sterling Bridge Road, describing the specific factors measured including, but not limited to, specific location, day of week, time, type of traffic and pedestrians. Specific approach used to estimate changes in traffic density due to Colleton Crossing. Also, documents/communication explaining the impact of this report on the Town of Carrboro planning process including, any assessment of risk of pedestrian injury.

2. The technical engineering reports on any required modifications to Reynard Road, Tally Ho Trail, Claymore Road and Sterling Bridge Road due to the impact of traffic from Colleton Crossing. Also, documents/communication explaining the impact of the findings in this report on the Town of Carrboro planning process.

3. A detailed map of the Colleton Crossing and Carolina Commons development sites signifying the Upper Bolin Creek Watershed, demarcating the stream buffers prescribed by the relevant section(s) of the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance. The map should clearly show the designated buffer areas of the Upper Bolin Creek Watershed as required by the publicly available ordinance or any amendments thereof (proposed or finalized) by Carrboro planning staff. It is requested that this information be provided in scalable vector format (e.g. PDF) or geographical information systems (GIS) compatible format.

4. Documents on alternative access routes considered for Colleton Crossing and Carolina Commons and specific grounds for not considering these during the planning process.

In closing, I have submitted my severe concerns about the human and environmental hazards of the aforementioned proposed developments. I have also requested information that formally and

transparently documents the Town of Carrboro planning process with regards to these concerns.

With the power bestowed upon you by the citizens of Carrboro comes a great responsibility to lead the development of Carrboro. I trust you will fulfil this responsibility with due consideration to protecting existing Carrboro communities and their surroundings from foreseeable and preventable risks.

Yours sincerely,

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