

**Petition to Chapel Hill Town Council Requesting Council to Engage with UNC on a Potential Solution to Mitigating Traffic Congestion and Anticipated Safety Concerns on Homestead Road.**

**Situation:**

A section of Homestead Rd between the junction with Weaver Dairy Rd extension and the junction with Seawell Rd is anticipating a huge increase in the number of homes from planned developments. During the period from 2017 through 2020, the number of homes is projected to increase from 70 to almost 500. This 700% increase in density along a very short stretch of Homestead Road has obvious impact on traffic volumes, congestion and safety. Current plans appear to indicate that this 2300 foot section of road will contain two sets of traffic lights, one railway line and ten exits and entrance points—a highly complex system, which must also include pedestrian walkways and cycle lanes.

One new development, the Wood property, is in the process of obtaining Public Input at Council. The first discussion took place on 24<sup>th</sup> October and a subsequent session is planned for 5<sup>th</sup> December. This proposal, which calls for rezoning this property from R2 to R5 is planned as a high density apartment complex of 190 homes. The access to and from this property, planned for approximately 300 feet west of the Weaver Dairy traffic lights, will be one of the new major contributors to congestion and safety concerns in this short section.

**Petition 1:**

We petition the Mayor and Council to negotiate an option with UNC to re-route access to the Wood property via a short section of the current paved driveway which extends across Homestead Rd into Carolina North. This access route could be positioned to connect with the traffic lights at Weaver Dairy Rd Extension and would help to reduce congestion, complexity and subsequently safety concerns in this short section on Homestead Rd.

**Submitted by Courtyards at Homestead Community.**

**Petition 2:**

We petition the Mayor and Council to request from the city engineers, based upon the currently approved or proposed projects along Homestead Road (traffic analyses for several of these have already been completed), a detailed schematic of the 2300 feet between Seawell Road and Weaver Dairy Road along Homestead Road with all proposed entrances shown, stating the distances between them, stating the anticipated daily volume at each entrance, and showing the storage lanes for left and right turns required by NCDOT at each entrance. We further request that this document be made publically available and precede a final decision on the Wood project.

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