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Subject: RE: Greene Tract Area and Shootings August 1, 2021

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Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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From: Laurin Easthom [mailto:laurineasthom@gmail.com]
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Subject: Greene Tract Area and Shootings August 1, 2021

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Dear Mayor and Council,

On Sunday afternoon August 1, 2021 the Chapel Hill Larkspur neighborhood had the experience of listening to hours of deafening rifle/gun shots within close proximity. The shots were at times single, then at other times were semi-automatic. Dogs ran for their safe places, neighbors came out and tried to figure out what to do,

many called 911 and hoped for the best. It was unusual, very loud, and scared all of us. We all frequent those woods behind our homes, and to think this dangerous activity was in them was very troubling to say the least. We worried about even being in our own backyards. Chapel Hill police responded and some of us talked with them. We were told that this was out of their jurisdiction (our neighborhood is in jurisdiction but the shootings were over the town/county line). I asked for clarification, and I know that the area is not within town limits but does lie on land that is jointly owned by the Town, Orange County and Carrboro. We were told Orange County has control over this area for law enforcement. Later we came to learn that those shooting the rifles were located by the sheriff's department and we were told this would not happen again.

I raise this issue to ask how gun use is regulated on joint-owned land like the Greene Tract, and how to resolve potential differences in County laws versus Town laws with shooting guns and the distance allowed for shooting in densely populated areas. Additionally, the noise ordinance of Chapel Hill also surely played a part in this loud shooting this afternoon. How do you resolve noise violating the Town sound ordinance at the county/town line?

I would like to consider this a petition to answer the above questions, as we are all aware of the planning going on for future development of the Greene Tract.

Thank you!
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