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Subject: RE: Comment Regarding Wegman's Concept Plan for SECU site, 9/11/19

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.

If your email is related to a development application or a particular issue being addressed by the Council, your comments will be made part of the record. If applicable, we encourage you to attend any public meetings related to the items addressed in your email.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor and Town Council,

I am writing to add to the summary you received from the Community Design Commission. I made comments on 8/27 regarding the architectural significance of the BC/BS building (now SECU). I am concerned that proposed location of the road could impact negatively the setting of the iconic building built in 1973. The building is included in Ruth Little's *Town and Gown Architecture of Chapel Hill, 1795 to 1975* as a significant building. The building has been recognized nationally as being of architectural significance, created by Odell and Associates of Charlotte. A.G. Odell was the first national President of the national American Institute of Architects from North Carolina. According to the book, "Odell Associates was one of the state's foremost practitioners of modern design in the second half of the twentieth century."

In addition, the proposed plan is environmentally unsound, as it goes through very steep slopes in a heavily wooded area. I learned at our meeting that there will be a very significant grade difference between the two sites which must be accommodated. The six-lane cross section of road will potentially destroy the setting in which this building was designed to be placed.

Thanks for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
Christine S. Berndt
Community Design Commission