

24 January 2018

Dear Mayor and Town Council members,

While town planning staff have arranged four meetings with Elkin Hills residents and the public to discuss development on UNC-owned property bordering the neighborhood, a number of residents feel that the process is moving too quickly for them to be able to adequately express their concerns and preferences for the municipal services building and possible other construction there.

The development firm presented four drawings of possible build-out on 8 January 2018 even though information needed for design decisions is not yet available. Without information from the soils survey, storm water studies, wetlands survey and traffic impact study, the firm cannot have a good idea of how the soil composition, terrain and other factors will impact their ideas on what can be feasibly constructed and how storm water concerns could be addressed.

One of the design drivers for this project should be minimization of negative impact on the adjacent neighborhoods. In this regard, the Campus on the Hill concept addresses some resident concerns, including the greatest possibility of land preservation and opportunities for storm water measures other than a retention pond, but it is uncertain how much of this concept will remain after the results of studies are in.

In accordance with the guiding principles under development for inclusion in the development agreement, we ask that you make no decisions on this project now and direct staff to slow down the process, including more meetings with the residents to discuss site design after the results of the soils, storm water and other surveys have been completed.

Sincerely,

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