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Chapel Hill Town Council

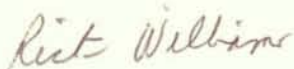
I am writing in reference to the Special Use Permit application for Walgreen's Drug at the intersection of Franklin Street and Estes Drive (File no. 9789-93-9143). Chris Howlett and I own the property on the adjacent corner where Caribou Coffee is located. Let me be clear that we have no objection to Walgreen's building on that location. In fact we believe it will be a wonderful improvement to the appearance of the corner.

However, we have a serious objection to the median that will be erected from the Franklin Street and Estes Drive intersection running east toward University Mall. It is our understanding that NCDOT requires this median if Walgreen's is allowed to build. I have contacted NCDOT to request that this requirement not be imposed, but they are standing firm on the requirement.

If this median is built, access to Caribou Coffee will become more difficult than it presently is. We will only have one entrance to Caribou Coffee off Franklin Street that will accommodate a left turn. This entrance is already too hard to navigate. Anyone coming from the west on Estes Drive will have to make a left on Franklin Street and then try to quickly turn left across a stack of vehicles travelling north on Franklin Street.

I am aware that other businesses on Estes Drive are against this median as well. It is our strong desire that Council prohibit the construction of this median. I hope to be at the council meeting to speak on this issue.

Sincerely,



R. B. Williams

Cc: Judy Johnson, Senior Planner
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