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FWD: 6-22 memo to K Foy

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Horace Williams Citizens Committee

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To: kevinfoy@townofchapelhill.org

Dear Kevin:

On behalf of the Horace Williams Citizens' Committee, I would like to communicate the Committee's concern about the speed at which the Carolina North Executive Committee is preparing its conceptual plan and marketing its proposed development. At the June 12 Executive Committee meeting, University officials referred to plans to set up a marketing office within the next two months, possibly on the Horace Williams property, and decided to prepare a conceptual plan by early fall, maybe as soon as October 1. Our Committee believes that significantly more community and Council input should occur before the University prepares a conceptual plan.

Although individual citizens and Council members have participated in Carolina North advisory groups, there are significant points of difference between the principles those advisory groups have put forth and those being developed by the Horace Williams Citizens' Committee. We believe that the earlier the University is made aware of these differences, the more likely it is to take them into account in their planning. The University refers to the plan it is preparing as conceptual, but even conceptual plans require a significant investment of time and money, and it is natural for the sponsoring party to become attached to them. It is always more difficult to go back and rethink a plan than to think about it differently from the outset.

Our Committee's specific concerns include zoning and fiscal equity issues; the inclusion of a school; opportunities for community input; and specific plans for housing, transit, and conservation easements.

I would like to meet with you, and perhaps the Town Manager, to discuss these concerns in more detail and determine the best way to convey them to the University.

Sincerely, Kathleen Kearns Chair Horace Williams Citizens' Committee