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Mayor and Town Council
Town of Chapel Hill
306 N. Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

June 17, 2003

Dear Mayor Foy and Town Council:

I am writing on behalf of WoodGlen Homeowners' Association. WoodGlen consists of 19 privately owned townhouses located at 130 East Longview Street in Chapel Hill.

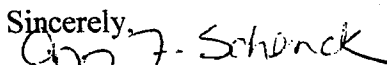
I spoke recently with Kumar Nepapalli, the traffic engineer for Chapel Hill. He advised me to make a written request of the Mayor and Town Council to address a serious traffic problem that has developed along East Longview Street. Within the last year or so an increasing number of cars and trucks are parking on the south side of the 100 block of East Longview Street. Large SUV's, trucks, and cars park right up to our driveway, completely blocking our view of oncoming traffic as we attempt to leave our property. A number of residents and visitors report almost being hit by oncoming cars as they attempt to turn onto East Longview from our driveway. The excessive speed at which most vehicles drive down East Longview creates a secondary problem.

I have also spoken with a Chapel Hill police officer, who visited our property at my request to assess the situation. He confirmed our concern about this problem. He observed that cars indeed drive very fast along East Longview, a narrow street, and he agreed that it is very difficult to see oncoming traffic when cars are parked so close to our driveway. He expressed further concern about an additional traffic hazard created when cars park along the curve on Longview Street which is located between our driveway and Airport Road. Cars move up the hill from Airport Road very fast, and it is difficult to see oncoming traffic around the cars parked on the curve when traveling east on Longview Street toward Airport Road.

We would like to request that parking be significantly restricted along the 100 block of East Longview Street. If it is impossible to forbid all parking, then we particularly ask that you consider a no-parking area on either side of our driveway and along the curve between our driveway and Airport Road. I will be happy to discuss this matter further with you.

On behalf of our Homeowners' Association, thank you for your efforts at addressing this important safety issue.

Sincerely,



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