

From: Gordon Sutherland
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2004 4:10 PM
To: 'Wayne Pein'; Cal Horton
Cc: Heidi Perry; Alice Neebe; Claire Millar; Jed Dube; Jim Ward; Kate Millard; Nick Lurie; Rich Killingsworth; Tim Saunders; Tom Mills; Chris Berndt; Roger Waldon; Gene Poveromo; Bruce Heflin
Subject: RE: Bike Lanes on Mill House Rd.

Hi Wayne:

I am forwarding your comments to the Town Manager. The public hearing on the Town Operations Center is being held open until April 19. So you may want to address your comments to the Town Council at that time.

Thanks Gordon

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From: Wayne Pein [mailto:wpein@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2004 3:22 PM
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Subject: Bike Lanes on Mill House Rd.

I rode out to Mill House Rd via Eubanks (Eubanks isn't hard to ride on. My 2 ft wide bike fit easily, and the motorists were able to easily pass.) to see if my perceptions of the road were accurate. It had been about a month since I was last there.

It is aptly named. It is a pretty little road, 20 ft of pavement, and almost exactly 1/2 mile long (say 2600 ft) from Eubanks Rd to where it sharply jogs left, and if I remember correctly from the presentation, where the public works driveway will be.

Every one of you that thinks bike lanes need to be constructed out there needs to see first hand what 20 feet of pavement is and imagine what a 36 ft cross section will be. It is a travesty. The standard cross section is 28 ft and is amply wide.

It's quite obvious that few people if anybody will ride their bike to the Mill House Rd site, and its further obvious that the traffic generated by the proposed facility doesn't warrant 8 extra feet of bike lane pavement width to accommodate what few bicyclists may ever go there. After leaving Mill House Rd I rode into the current Public Works area to see how many bikes are in there. Zero.

Gordon, I would like to formally request that the staff determine the full cost difference between a 28 ft section and a 36 ft section and report this to the Board and Town Council. Everyone needs to be aware of how much they will cost and consider why that money is being spent there and why bicyclists need to be segregated.

Further, 8 ft times 2600 ft long is 20,800 sq ft of additional impervious surface. I find it incredibly hypocritical and ironic that we would worry about a few square feet of porous concrete sidewalk at Binkley Church and gloss over this many unnecessary feet of environmental stress upstream at this large development. It's irresponsible. That the Council is considering creating a utility to mitigate stormwater run-off and possibly bill residents based on the amount of impervious surface on their property is laughable in the face of this foolishness. The Staff recommends the applicant submit a Stormwater Management Plan. How about eliminating 20,800 sq ft of unnecessary impervious surface?

Wayne