

4 May 2004

Dear Mayor and Town Council:

On behalf of the Greenwood Neighborhood, I am writing to request that the Town of Chapel Hill install four-way stop signs at the intersection of Greenwood and Sandy Creek Trail/Old Mill Road. An overwhelming majority of the Greenwood neighborhood households see this as a first step in finding a way to slow the speed of vehicles traveling through our neighborhood.

This request grows out of several neighborhood meetings, discussions on a neighborhood listserv, and a ballot vote on the new four-way stop signs. The ballot vote was done via a web survey. In addition, paper copies of the ballot were distributed to those households who had not responded to the web survey. Over 85% of the ballot votes favored the new four-way stop sign proposal. A copy of the ballot and survey accompany this letter.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information and whether we need to take any other action to have the four-way stop signs installed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ken Bollen
223 Stagecoach Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Greenwood Neighbor:

This note has two purposes: (1) we want to **vote** on a specific proposal on the vehicle safety/traffic calming issue on Greenwood Road and (2) we want to know **your opinion** on other solutions that we might take in future phases of this work.

Please send us your vote on the proposal and complete the survey on the other options. Both the proposal and the survey are below.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For the last year and half many members of the Greenwood neighborhood have discussed the problems of auto safety and traffic calming on Greenwood Road. These discussions have come in the form of open neighborhood meetings held at the Town Hall, discussions on the Greenwood neighborhood listserv, and informally as we have encountered each other in the neighborhood. In the course of this discussion, it has become clear that there are many different ideas on possible ways to address our concerns. Some suggestions have received almost unanimous support while others have not.

It is clear that some proposals require more discussion, but we would like to take some action on those ideas where there is widespread support. Below we have a ballot for you to vote on the first proposal. This first phase project is the one action on which there appears to be the broadest consensus. It is to install Stop signs at the intersection of Greenwood and Sandy Creek Trail/Old Mill Road. It is based on the idea that these signs will increase safety by slowing traffic coming down from upper Greenwood and slowing traffic going up Greenwood beyond the intersection. In addition, it is hoped that this will provide added protection to the school children who wait at this intersection for the school buses.

PLEASE VOTE ON THE PROPOSAL BELOW.

PROPOSAL FOR PHASE 1 (please vote yes or no)

We request that the Town of Chapel Hill make the intersection of Greenwood and Sandy Creek Trail/Old Mill Road a FOUR WAY STOP by installing two new Stop signs on Greenwood at that intersection.

_____ YES

_____ NO

SURVEY ON DEVICES TO USE IN FUTURE PHASES

A number of other solutions for improving the safety have been proposed. Please indicate whether you would support or not, the following possibilities. **This is not a vote for a proposal. This part is a survey that seeks your feedback on other options for traffic calming.**

Please indicate your degree of support on the five point scale that ranges from:

Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly Support
1	2	3	4	5

STREET NARROWING & PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY PLAN

Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly Support
1	2	3	4	5

SPEED BUMPS

Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly Support
1	2	3	4	5

SPEED HUMPS (less peaked than speed bumps)

Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly Support
1	2	3	4	5

SPEED TABLES (least peaked, possibly less effective)

Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly Support
1	2	3	4	5

STOP SIGNS (in addition to proposed set at Greenwood & Sandy Creek/Old Mill)

Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly Support
1	2	3	4	5



RUMBLE STRIPS (like those near Glen Lenox Shopping & Glenwood School area)

Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly Support
1	2	3	4	5

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS (additional ones)

Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly Support
1	2	3	4	5

Survey of Greenwood Neighborhood
April 4, 2004
89 responses

1. We request that the Town of Chapel Hill make the intersection of Greenwood and Sandy Creek Trail/Old Mill Road a FOUR WAY STOP by installing two new Stop signs on Greenwood at that intersection.		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		85.7%	72
No		11.9%	10
Abstain		2.3%	2
Total Respondents			84
		(skipped this question)	5