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Kumar Neppalli, E.I.T.  
Traffic Engineer  
Town of Chapel Hill  
306 N. Columbia Street  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516

**Re: Westwood Drive, Chapel Hill, North Carolina**  
**Our File: 01022(AH)**

Dear Mr. Neppalli:

Thank you so much for your help in resolving, hopefully, the on-street parking problems on Westwood Drive. Enclosed is my response to your letter supporting the removal of on-street parking.

You will recall, when we have discussed this matter previously, that I have indicated to you that all residences along Westwood Drive have driveways which provide ample parking, with the exception of 418 Westwood Drive. After receiving your letter, I spoke with Mr. Mark Shreve, who is the owner of 418 Westwood Drive, not only to request his support of removing on-street parking from Westwood Drive, but also to let him know that I was aware that he did not have a driveway and that an exception would need to be made in the case of 418 Westwood Drive and that I have communicated this to you.

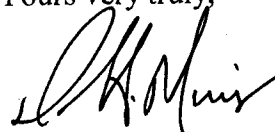
During the course of our conversation, Mr. Shreve indicated to me that at least in one instance his cars when parked along Westwood Drive have been hit by a passing vehicle, as on a separate occasion was the case with a vehicle parked in front of 416 Westwood Drive. All, of course, to illustrate as I have mentioned to you repeatedly that parking along Westwood Drive creates a hazard to both pedestrians and persons operating motor vehicles, because the site distances along Westwood Drive are so short. Accordingly, while I appreciate the desire to obtain input from the residents along Westwood Drive, as to this matter, since it clearly a matter of public safety, I would hope that the Town would effectively address this issue whatever individual desires might be. As I have indicated to you on numerous occasions, on-street parking along Westwood Drive, particularly at

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its northern intersection with Columbia Street, if not eliminated, is going to result and personal injury and property damage. My concern about this matter arose initially when I narrowly avoided a head-on collision with a truck owned by the University and driven by its employees who were using Westwood as a cut through, presumably to avoid construction traffic at the hospital.

Finally, please give my thanks to the parking department for their efforts in policing illegal parking along Westwood. I noticed this morning that the dark Honda had a ticket on its windshield and I would request that in the immediate future if that vehicle continues to be parked along Westwood, that it be towed. Now, if we could only get rid of "Thunder Bunny!"

Yours very truly,



David S. Morris

xc: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Shreve