

**To: Chapel Hill Town Council**  
**From: G.W. Houston**  
**Subject: Striping of Kings Mill Road**

**01 December 2004**

**AGENDA #3a(1)**

In order to keep and maintain the double yellow striping on Kings Mill Road, I petition the Town Council to consider the following information. The striping has significantly enhanced a dark stretch of roadway during inclement weather, especially at night, over the last ten days. Listed below are some ongoing neighborhood obstacles:

- The lack of consistent neighborhood street lighting greatly diminishes a clear roadway;
- The constant overgrowth of vegetation along the roadsides hinders proper visibility for motorists (at all times);
- The high number of neighborhood pedestrian traffic, in particular after sunset, challenges drivers to stay on the roadway while avoiding the foot traffic (there is no sidewalk for safe walks, strolls or runs);
- The lack of curb and gutters forces vehicular traffic to guess where the roadway proceeds.

The implementation of roadway striping contributes to a safer, more visible black road surface that has no clear edges and a non-linear route. Additional white striping on road edges (as installed on Coker Drive and Woodbine last month) would provide even better road safety. The best setting to view this area is at nighttime during a heavy thunderstorm/heavy rain event. The striping contributes greatly toward a less hazardous road environment, especially for visitors and guests when they enter the neighborhood. I request that the double yellow striping remain as affixed on Kings Mill Road and all other neighborhood roadways.