

**Kumar Neppalli**

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**From:** carolinanat@netscape.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 15, 2003 10:26 AM  
**To:** Kumar Neppalli  
**Subject:** Lonebrook Traffic

Mr. Neppalli,

I am responding to the survey you sent regarding traffic calming devices on Lonebrook Drive in the Parkside Subdivision. I believe there are more pressing traffic problems in and around Parkside than those on Lonebrook Drive. Namely, the speed of the traffic on New Parkside Drive from Lonebrook to Airport Road. I have spoken to the police department about my concerns but did not know how to pursue it with the town.

I do not want to see speed bumps or stop installed on Lonebrook Drive until a more comprehensive plan has been considered and discussed. Installing traffic calming devices on Lonebrook will only send more traffic to New Parkside. The drivers in the middle of the subdivision (on Glenmore, Kenilworth, Lonebrook...) have a choice of which route to use. I believe many of those who now exit and enter via Lonebrook will start using New Parkside to avoid the additional stop signs and speed bumps.

A huge concern I have is the speed of the cars leaving the subdivision via New Parkside Drive to enter onto Airport Road. I fear for the safety of my children and others in our community. I would like to see a speed bump installed between Glenmore and Airport on New Parkside Drive. Also, the number of drivers who fail to stop or stop too far into the intersection on Glenmore and New Parkside Drives poses additional safety concern.

Another area of difficulty is the speed of traffic on Airport Road heading South. It is very difficult to even get out of the subdivision at peak traffic times. I see the police sitting in the median there and yet the problem continues. Can the traffic lights be adjusted at Westminster (?) to allow us more time to get onto Airport Road. It's especially difficult because we often have to get to the far left lane immediately if we want to travel North on Airport.

Please, let's take the time to make sure the "solution" doesn't cause more problems. Don't install the speed bumps or stop signs on Lonebrook just yet.

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Please feel free to write back or call me at 616-4686.

Thank you.

Natalie Winters  
201 New Parkside Drive

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**From:** Mark Zimmerman [markzimmerman@nc.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 07, 2003 5:43 PM  
**To:** Kumar Neppalli  
**Subject:** Lonebrook Traffic Calming Plan

I received your letter today requesting resident input on the the proposed traffic calming plan for Lonebrook Drive.

Please look for my response in the mail. I do not favor these measures. However, I am perplexed as to why this issue is being opened to a public referendum. This decision should not be a popularity contest. Pitting neighbor against neighbor is not helpful. Either the driving conditions on this road are so egregious that engineering solutions are the only remedy possible, or not.

My question to you is, what criteria was used by the staff to support the original recommendation of this plan? Are there guidelines that are used to determine when traffic calming devices are warranted? Or, was this a subjective judgment?

It seems to me that a 26 MPH average speed is an extraordinarily low finding for such a long, straight roadway. And, the 85% speed of 33MPH is well within safety range for such a broad, open drive with unobstructed views. If this data supports such extreme measures as this recommended plan for Lonebrook, how many roads in Chapel Hill wouldn't qualify for a similar plan?

We continue to be in a tight fiscal environment. Please expend funds more appropriately than this.

Please return Lonebrook to its original state. You seem to be solving a problem that doesn't exist. And, you may be creating other problems in doing so.

Keep the flow of traffic unimpeded. Avoid the potential for rear end collisions at these random stop signs. Reduce the wear and tear on our vehicles from the speed humps. Reduce the extra emissions generated from idling at a stop sign and accelerating after each impediment.

I look forward to hearing the rationale that was used to support the initial recommendation.

Thank you.

Mark Zimmerman  
106 Aster Place  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
919-932-1609

**Kumar Neppalli**

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**From:** RVawi@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, May 09, 2003 3:04 PM  
**To:** Kumar Neppalli  
**Subject:** Lonebrook Drive / Speed Bumps

Mr. Neppalli:

Thank you for your letter of May 6 requesting comments from neighbors in the Parkside community regarding the possible installation of speed bumps.

I am totally OPPOSED not only to speed bumps but also to the stop signs recently installed.

The statistics just don't justify these traffic calming devices. The low amount of traffic and accidents caused by speeding doesn't warrant any change. How many accidents have there been in this neighborhood over the last four years? By my count just one and that was the result of a child of an irresponsible parent running into a moving car.

This issue is being driven by a small group of whining neighbors (3-5 at most) in which it should not be an issue at all.

Installing stop signs has already become a nuisance to this neighborhood, will not solve any problems (since they don't exist anyway) and is an expense that our tax dollars should not be paying for.

This whining small group of neighbors are using the already intrusive regulations in the Town of Chapel Hill to get what no one else seeks. Don't allow them to use the Town and my tax dollars for their paranoid scheme.

Sincerely,

Richard Valenti

107 Kenilworth Place  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

5/18/2003

**Kumar Neppalli**

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**From:** George Small  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2003 12:13 PM  
**To:** Kumar Neppalli  
**Subject:** FW: Traffic Calming Survey Process

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Cal Horton  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2003 11:16 AM  
**To:** 'Stephen Nesnow'  
**Cc:** George Small; Joyce Smith  
**Subject:** Traffic Calming Survey Process

Mr. Nesnow:

The Town Engineering Department will be conducting a survey of the areas affected by proposed traffic calming devices. The results of the survey will be considered along with filed observations and other analysis in determining recommendations to be made to the Town Council.

All persons interested in this issue who have provided their e-mail or street addresses will be given notice of the meeting at which the Council will receive our follow-up report, and the report will be available in advance on the Town's website and in print form from the Town Clerk.

Thank you for letting us know of your concerns.

Sincerely,

Cal Horton

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Stephen Nesnow [<mailto:snesnow@pobox.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2003 8:43 PM  
**To:** [ericplow1@aol.com](mailto:ericplow1@aol.com)  
**Cc:** [larrynobles3@aol.com](mailto:larrynobles3@aol.com); Town Council  
**Subject:** Speed bumps on Lonebrook Drive

Dear Eric:

Thank you for making us aware of the issues regarding speed bumps and stop signs on Lonebrook Drive. We also received a flyer from Larry Nobles today, who we are also copying by E-mail as well as the Mayor and Town Council.

5/4/2003

We had not been contacted prior to this regarding our opinions on these issues. I think the way this was handled was a mistake. If a homeowner in a neighborhood wants the Town Council to enact rules that affect the entire neighborhood, then it is incumbent for the Town to poll all of the residents to see if this request really represents the majority of the homeowners, and not just a disaffected few. This was not done and now we have an unreasonable, divisive situation. We believe the Town Council should reevaluate and reconsider these issues, and we request that they do so.

We feel that speed bumps are an undue burden on neighborhood residents as they make all of the residents pay for the misdeeds of a few speeders. Lonebrook is a large feeder designed by the Town to connect Weaver Dairy with residents south of it. That is why it is so wide. We believe the new stop signs are sufficient and adequate to slow down speeders.

We suggest that a compromise position is to retain the current stop signs and not install the speed bumps.

Thank you for drawing our attention to these issues.

Stephen and Marie Nesnow  
105 Lonebrook Drive  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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**From:** S. George Khalaf [slim@phoenicia.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2003 7:17 PM  
**To:** Kumar Neppalli  
**Subject:** Traffic calming or more urgent needs

Kumar Neppalli, E.I.T.  
Traffic Engineer  
Town of Chapel Hill  
306 N. Columbia Street  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516-2124

Dear Mr. Neppalli,

I got your e-mail address from Mr. Eric Plow and came to learn that you did a study on traffic in our neighborhood. Further, I understand you are about to make recommendations regarding traffic calming measures to the Town Council

Though we appreciate your effort and time as well as we do the Chapel Hill Town Council concern for calming traffic in our neighborhood, we regret to say that we find the suggested measures for road bumps and the already traffic signs, already up, out of place.

The traffic light which was put up on Tremont and Lonebrook is a useless obstruction especially since the intersection is open to drivers field of vision. Further, we are bothered by the increased noise from stopping and starting cars on the intersection in front of our home. As to the speed bumps, I believe they are a heavy handed measure brought about by a meddling neighbor who put himself up as a spokesperson without being given mandate so to do by Northwoods residents.

I am not a traffic specialist but I believe the traffic signs would have been more useful on the Weaver Dairy and Lonebrook intersection where visibility is not optimum with growing shrubbery and trees. I am sure that if you were to monitor speed on that road and the turn onto Lonebrook, you would find disturbing results.

We would have liked the Town Council to spend our tax dollars on more sidewalk lights or better care of public areas such as fallen dead trees on Lonebrook. They are the first to become missiles in severe weather. Further, convex traffic mirrors on some intersection would improve safety on many intersections, not only in our neighborhood but all over Chapel Hill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

S. George Khalaf and Danielle Haikal  
103 Lonebrook Drive  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516-1136

CC: Neighbors on Lonebrook, Tremont and others.