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Two things are clear from a reading of the University's master plan, the initial proposal to the town of Chapel Hill in 2001 and the modifications and addendum now under consideration.

- I. The University is providing no leadership in the efforts to restrain the insatiable appetite of faculty, staff and students for the automobile. For example, they initially proposed 1.5 parking spaces per student family housing unit and have now reduced the formula to 1.19.
- II. Nearly one-third of the total proposed development is for more than 1,400 additional parking spaces. A barrier, to protect the physical integrity of the campus, is proposed---at the expense of the neighborhoods that surround the campus. We are also concerned with the campus but call upon the University to be more sensitive to the neighborhoods surrounding the campus. The plan calls for more parking lots on the campus perimeter inviting more automobiles, and ensuring an ever-increasing traffic flow in the neighborhoods.

The first information of this plan available to the public was the notice to the Planning Board's meeting of June 3, 2003.

The University's plan for expansion displays an utter disregard for the people who live near the campus and the collateral damage of their proposal to Chapel Hill. The plan will not "maintain the public health, safety, and general welfare; or maintain the value of the adjacent property.

We look to the Town Council to preserve the quality of life in Chapel Hill and to enforce the zoning ordinance that has been agreed by the University and the Town.

I would observe, with healthy suspicion, the University is canceling a 1,500 parking deck a healthy walk from the Smith Center and Kenan Stadium. This is being replaced with a 800 and a 640 parking decks within an easy stroll of the University's entertainment enterprises.