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2-m-09-RZ - cor. A.D. McGhee

Dear Mr. Donaldson,

I am writing to inform you of my strong opposition of the proposed rezoning of 8016 Millertown Pike in the 8<sup>th</sup> District. The rezoning would allow a commercial business within an area that is currently residential. It is my understanding that the Metropolitan Planning Commission's plan for the future for this area is a growing residential corridor.

I have lived on Ellistown Road which connects with Millertown Pike for over 50 years. My house is less than a mile from the proposed rezoning property. I have specific concerns about how this rezoning would affect me and my community.

The proposed commercial business deals with tractor trailer trucks and would require that these trucks get to this business primarily from Millertown Pike or Millertown Pike via Ellistown Road.

- Ellistown Road is a very narrow road with absolutely no shoulder. By my measurements Ellistown Road is 18 feet 3 inches from white line to white line with no additional room for a shoulder on the road. This does not leave room for a tractor trailer to pass larger vehicles such as school buses or emergency equipment.
- The turn radius for the intersection for Ellistown Road and Millertown Pike is not adequate for a tractor trailer. When a tractor trailer turns it will be going over into the incoming lane to make the turn. The same is true when a tractor trailer turns into the 8016 property – it must veer into the oncoming lane to make the turn.
- There are over 25 driveways that enter Ellistown Road on the approximately 1 ½ mile from Rutledge Pike to Millertown Pike. Many of the views of the driveways are obscured by elevations and curves.
- The houses on Ellistown Road were constructed before current set back regulations were in place. My house sets only 33 feet from the edge of the Ellistown Road.
- Slow moving farm tractors and equipment frequent the road creating a problem for large trucks having to slow quickly after rounding a curve.
- There are no street lights on Ellistown, passing large tractor trailers at night on a very narrow road is setting up for numerous and potentially fatal vehicular accidents.

It is for these reasons which are serious and have the potential for loss of life that I extremely oppose the rezoning.

Sincerely,

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