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To whom it may concern,

This email is with reference to the application for case 9-A-20-RZ, which discusses placing a rehab center/home for men in a residential-only area off of Zion Road (Northeast of Ball Road).

My young family and I (myself, wife, 5 year old son, and 2 year old daughter) currently live in a subdivision off of Ball Road. I was surprised and dismayed when I learned of plans to place an rehab center for men near my subdivision as well as so many other houses. The entire area is residential, and as such, a center of this size and purpose is completely unexpected.

The reasons for my, and many of my fellow neighbors' opposition to the center are as follows:

The area is highly residential, with many homes, subdivisions, schools, and churches nearby. This setting is hardly an ideal area for an rehab center to be placed. I believe a better location to be an area with a hospital or other businesses nearby. Due to problems that may occur at an addiction center, I would think an area with a nearby hospital would be ideal (possible violent behavior, drug overdoses, etc...).

Rezoning the area from low density residential to office would severely hamper the value of homes in the area, and simply does not make sense. The area is a prime example of a low density residential area, and in no way should be considered suitable for offices or businesses in such close proximity.

There are several new subdivisions going in around the area. In my opinion, if an area is having new houses/subdivisions constructed, it is a residential area; and planning committees that agreed to such subdivisions have come to the same conclusion recently. This should absolutely trump being able to rezone an area from residential to office.

Traffic is horrible as it is on Ball road. I can only imagine what it will be like with a large rehab resolution center directly off of it.

I realize that people need help with addiction, and I have had several people in my life that have dealt with it. We can dance around the issue if we want to, but there are aspects involved with addiction rehabilitation and the treatment thereof that have no business being in close proximity to a residential area. People that are afflicted with addiction don't always have the clearest of minds, and are capable of anything. I would prefer to not have to knowingly deal with these consequences. Despite knowing that these issues exist in our world, I would prefer for them to not be in my backyard.

6) Would it not be best to put the rehab center somewhere closer to public transit stations? Most individuals that this rehab center would be targeted to would likely not have means of transportation on their own. There is no means of public transit near Zion Road, nor should there be.

7). The way that this rezoning proposition silently creeps up overnight every time it is resurrected is a little concerning to say the least. I feel we as a community deserve the respect and common decency to be made aware of rezoning propositions earlier than a mere week and a half prior to discussions. This has certainly not been the way to ease tensions about such a proposal. For this reason, even discounting the ones above if necessary, my family is completely against this notion of rezoning; particularly for such a center.

Please consider my and all other concerned citizen's opinions on this issue. We love our residences/community and would hate to have them affected by a poorly placed rehabilitation center. The residences/community, as well as the individuals that the rehab center is being proposed for, would be better off if the proposed center were planned and constructed at an alternate location.