

I am writing to voice my concerns for the proposed zoning changes to property located on Hardin Valley Road in Hardin Valley. Our family moved to the Chestnut Grove subdivision last year and were immediately drawn to how stunning the mature trees were, how private the lots were and how much wildlife thrived in our wooded backyard. The proposed zoning changes would most definitely affect each of those aspects of what drew us to our neighborhood and, more specifically, to Hardin Valley.

Our family has many concerns about what is to come and I have outlined them below:

- Increased traffic volume on Hardin Valley Road (a road already VERY congested multiple times each day).
- Increased stress on an already over-capacity school system (Hardin Valley Schools).
- Need for forest preservation – many mature trees border this property and currently provide shade, wildlife habitats, noise buffering, privacy, decreased erosion and the list goes on. Leveling the tree line would be devastating in so many ways.
- Need to preserve property values and aesthetics. The charm of Chestnut Grove and surrounding similar neighborhoods is the space between homes, the mature trees seen throughout the subdivision and the preservation of land characteristics. It would be a shame to have a subdivision built that does not reflect the character of its surroundings as we have witnessed on many occasions as new developments are built.

Because of these concerns and potential negative-impact issues, I request that the current zoning designation remain, that the application for rezoning be denied and that NO OTHER ZONING OPTIONS BE CONSIDERED. If the planning commission decides to change the zoning, then I request that the decision be guided by the Northwest Sector Plan, the Hillside Protection designation, the existing development bordering most of the proposed property and the other recommendations which are outlined above.