

Debra Dennis

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Dear Mr. Mayo,

I really do not have a lot to add to my beginning comments on the Goodridge Estates project that is being proposed. I have been watching your hearings and reading not only the site plans but also the information being put out by citizens of our community.

I am currently conducting my own traffic survey in the area. I am posting our speed trailer in three different locations around the proposed building location, monitoring both directions of travel. Upper and lower Sterling Road and Deerhorn Road will be calculated. I will have an exact number of vehicles traveling these roadways with times of day for each one. If you are interested in the results, I will happily forward them to you, once completed.

Other than that Mr. Mayo, the only other thing I would mention is the obvious. If we are going to increase the population of Lancaster by 10+ percent, we can expect that the Police Department call volume will also increase 10+ percent. Currently we operate far below the Federal standards for police officers per 1000 residents in a community of 10,000 or fewer people. The national standard is 3-3.7 officers per one thousand residents, depending on which report you read. We have eight thousand residents and 11 full time officers, including myself. Realistically we have ten full time police officers doing all of the patrol related duties. Adding an additional ten percent to our population with our existing small patrol force, may prove to be cumbersome.

If I can be of any further assistance to you or your Board, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,
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