

Washington, DC., October 2nd, 2006

Carol Mitten, Chair
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
Case #05-42 (Sibley Hospital)
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Dear Ms. Mitten:

We are writing to you to oppose the proposed Sibley Hospital Medical Office Building in our neighborhood. My family has lived in the Kent area for the past 13 years and we have enjoyed a wonderful and quiet neighborhood. Sibley Hospital has been an excellent community hospital and we all have used its services one time or another.

We oppose the construction of the medical office building, proposed by Sibley, because it will have an enormous negative impact in our residential neighborhood. The increase in traffic, estimated at 4,600 new trips daily, according to Sibley traffic survey, and the lack of access to any form of mass transit in the area, will result in the residential streets having to absorb this exponential increase in traffic. Watson Street, which is located one block from Sibley Hospital, is already used as a cut-through street, posing a considerable risk to our children. The increased traffic would add significantly to this problem and to an increased level of pollution in the neighborhood.

We attended several community meetings with Sibley Hospital in the last few months and we believe that Sibley has not proved that the benefits of the new medical office building surpass its negative impact on the neighborhood and also that other alternatives (with less impact) have been thoroughly analyzed by Sibley for addressing its alleged need for expansion.

Considering all the aspects above, I am asking you to deny Sibley's application to the Zoning Commission.

Respectfully,


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