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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
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Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am writing in response to Reference Application No. 17055 filed by the Army Distaff Foundation.

My wife and I have lived in the Barnaby Woods neighborhood for three-and-a-half years, two blocks from the entrance of Knollwood. We chose to purchase our home on Tennyson Street because the neighborhood is tucked away far from the District's boulevards. We considered suburban neighborhoods resembling Barnaby Woods where neighbors gather outside their homes to converse as their kids play on the sidewalks and cats roam the front and backyards.

We are concerned that the proposed expansion would increase traffic on Tennyson Street, which is one of the neighborhoods only through streets, thereby adding to the danger cars would pose to the neighborhood's many children, dog walkers, joggers and bicyclists. Speeding cars on this residential street led to a recent District transportation study. Also, increased traffic to and from Knollwood along with visitors jockeying for parking spaces would generate more air and noise pollution.

In addition, the proposed size of the expansion would be out of character for an area dominated by single-family homes, especially with the planned destruction of so many old growth trees that currently create a sense of privacy. My wife and I chose to invest in the District. Knollwood's refusal to work with the neighborhood puts every area homeowner's investment at risk. Therefore, we urge the BZA to deny Knollwood's current expansion plans.

Sincerely,

John Wolf

cc: Chevy Chase ANC

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