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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chair
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RE: Application No. 17055

January 13, 2004

Dear Mr. Griffis,

The current debate over the approval of the proposed expansion of Knollwood reinforces my experience that long term conditions attached to approval of development provide no protection for the affected community, unless they are rigorously enforced. In the Knollwood matter you and the other members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment have the opportunity to show that conditions once agreed upon will be honored and enforced.

A condition of approval for the last expansion at Knollwood stipulated a 25 year moritorium on further development. That time frame has not yet expired. Consequently, the current proposal for development should be denied by the BZA.

I am in no way unfavorably disposed to Knollwood as it stands today. My aunt, the widow of an Air Force officer, spent her last years in happy residence there. She was afforded that opportunity as a result of a project that received approval with a condition to protect the affected community. The community deserves to have that condition upheld.

Sincerely,

Henry Custis

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cc: ANC 3/4G
Knollwood Neighbors

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