

Dear Mr. Klinger, Mr. Brandgard, Mr. Bridget, Mr. Angle, Mr. Everling, and Mr. Kingseed,

I am writing as a concerned resident regarding the proposed development of Daum Farms.

My family lives just down the street on Dogwood, meaning we would be directly and significantly impacted by this proposed mega apartment complex.

After reviewing the proposal, I do not believe this development would preserve the character, integrity, or long-term stability of our neighborhood. One of the primary reasons my family chose to move to this area of Plainfield just a few years ago was because of its quiet, small-town atmosphere and sense of community. It is a neighborhood where children ride bikes safely through the streets, neighbors know one another, and families enjoy peace and tranquility that has become increasingly difficult to find elsewhere.

In many ways, this neighborhood feels like stepping back into the 1980s or 1990s — a place where families can still enjoy a slower pace of life and a genuine sense of community. My daughter is currently learning to ride her bike on Dogwood, and it is difficult to imagine that same experience continuing with the dramatic increase in density, traffic, and congestion that this project would bring.

While I understand and support responsible growth and development, I strongly believe this proposal is inconsistent with the existing nature of the surrounding neighborhood. A large-scale apartment complex at the end of a quiet residential street would permanently alter the atmosphere and livability of the area. Hundreds of additional residents, increased traffic flow, and the intensity of this development would place significant strain on the neighborhood and fundamentally change why many of us chose to live here.

My family intentionally moved away from higher-density urban living in search of a quieter and more family-oriented environment. We invested in this community because of its character and stability. I believe many residents share these same concerns.

I also believe there are far better alternatives for the Daum Farms property. Since the land has already been rezoned from agricultural to residential, I would strongly encourage the town to consider development options that better align with the surrounding area, such as single-family homes, townhomes, or owner-occupied condominiums. These types of developments would help meet housing needs while preserving the long-term character and property values of the neighborhood.

Additionally, I have found it difficult to stay informed about the status of this proposal and opportunities for public input. Unfortunately, I did not learn about the May 5 public meeting until May 7. Residents deserve clear communication and meaningful opportunities to voice concerns regarding projects that will permanently affect their homes, families, and community. I respectfully ask that additional public forums and open meetings be scheduled so residents can remain informed and engaged throughout this process.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider this proposal and instead pursue a long-term housing strategy that reflects the character, values, and needs of the surrounding community.

Thoughtful and balanced development is possible, but this particular proposal is simply not the right fit for this neighborhood.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our community. I sincerely appreciate your willingness to listen to the concerns of local residents.

Sincerely,

Christina Wilburn