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Dear Chairman Carrier:

Mark Hill
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CAMELBACK VILLAGE

The Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) represents over 35 homeowner and civic associations in the Olney area. For over thirty years, GOCA has promoted the civic, cultural, and economic welfare of the community within the Olney Master Plan area.

Howard Greif
Corresponding Secretary
NORBECK GROVE

Spring Arbor (represented by HH Hunt) presented twice to our organization regarding their plan for the Danshes Property in Olney (WSSCR 11A-OLN-01 and page 37 of the Olney Master Plan). After careful consideration, GOCA accepts the use for this property as an assisted living facility but the currently proposed site plan is not appropriate.

Ruth Laughner
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In June 2012 GOCA overwhelmingly passed a resolution to oppose the development plan as presented due to the following issues:

- ⤴ Footprint needs to be reduced. It is too close to the Sandy Spring Firehouse property which tests the sirens of each of its vehicles every morning at 7 am. Reducing the footprint will also allow for the building to be further back from the road enhancing the greenway entrance to Olney. A secondary benefit of a reduced footprint is it leaves the option available to acquire a portion of the property for a much needed future expansion of the Sandy Spring Firehouse.
- ⤴ Needs an acceleration/deceleration lane.
- ⤴ Need to implement a “Silver Alert” program to alert police/fire/public when an elderly person goes missing.

A two story building would have a much smaller footprint, fit better on the parcel, and maintain the greenway entrance to Olney along Georgia Avenue. GOCA hopes the applicant will revise their plans before moving forward.

Sincerely,

Barbara Falcigno
President
Greater Olney Civic Association