

Forest Home Improvement Association

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Cathy Valentino
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Re: Forest Home Traffic Calming Plan

Dear Cathy Valentino:

I am writing to you as the new president of the Forest Home Improvement Association to clarify the Association's position as regards the Forest Home Traffic Calming Plan. Darcy Binns, our former president, sent you this plan with her letter of November 29, 2007.

Forest Home's support and commitment to this project over the last several years has been remarkable, and the community has been quite patient as many of the details have been worked out. Of course, as one would expect, not every detail in the plan is greeted with equal enthusiasm by all members of our community, but the community as a whole recognizes that compromises must be made in order to bring about workable and safe improvements for the whole community (including pedestrians and cyclists). In fact, at a recent community-wide traffic calming meeting, the neighborhood enthusiastically embraced the Plan, endorsed its findings, and recommended the Plan to the Town for prompt implementation. A petition (dated November 10, 2007) circulated in part of the neighborhood also expressed strong support for traffic calming, and made some suggestions for project phasing and ideas to consider (most of which had already been studied by the Traffic Calming Committee and our consultant). On careful reading this petition is quite consistent with the Plan and does nothing to diminish the widespread underlying community support for it. In practice, we understand that the phasing of the implementation of this project will be worked out with the Town and County.

Thank you very much for your understanding. The Forest Home community greatly appreciates the support that the Town has shown since the inception of this project, and we look forward to working cooperatively with you as we together finalize the details of how to best implement this Plan.

Sincerely yours,

Forest Home Improvement Association

Trevor Pinch
President, Forest Home Improvement Association

cc: Jonathan Kanter, Director of Planning, Town of Ithaca, Herb Engman
(Town supervisor elect)