

## JOHNSON ROAD COMMENTS

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**Traffic & Roads:** Overall there are some 800 new homes proposed for the Eastwood Village area. A conservative estimate would be 1600 additional cars on an already taxed infrastructure. It appears that the current process is to view each new development as a separate entity with its own traffic study. This seems to be operating in a vacuum and rather myopic view of what the actual impact will be on the area roads and its residents. These must to be viewed in the aggregate and a comprehensive traffic study should to be conducted.

Related to the project under consideration, Johnson Road is a narrow, winding road with many blind curves, a railroad track with no arms and existing onto two lane Shelbyville Road. This is no small feat with the speed at which those cars travel. For those coming off Shelbyville to turn onto Johnson is simply an accident waiting to happen, it is dangerous at best, deadly at worst.

Further, where Cross Timbers exists onto Johnson is a large blind curve, many of us in Polo Fields use this exit. As you add cars to Johnson, this too will only become more dangerous.

Aiken Road currently is just a hot mess.

**SCHOOLS & EDUCATION:** Where are these new children to go?

Class size matters. I have taught a class of 40, I had children that read on a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade level in the same room. If you think that can't happen, it does. I can assure you, it is not effective.

As a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grader, I attended Westport. It was too crowded so they implemented "double sessions." I went to school at 2 in the afternoon until 8 at night. Imagine that, a kid in school until 8 in the evening. No dinner with my family, rather than playing outside after school I was in school. It was terrible and I wouldn't wish it on anyone.

The reality is, unless you address the growth issue appropriately you will be setting these children up for failure and the schools will have an impossible task.

**Transition:** Hopeful that there can be some form of transition considered between The Summit and this new project where Taunton Vale is to be extended. While there is open space and tree canopy, these will not mitigate the impact or address issues such as outdoor lighting, lights from automobiles and homes, loud noises, odors, smoke, automobile exhaust, dust, dirt and storm water run-off. Indeed, each of these issues will impact the residents of The Summit. Perhaps a vegetative berm or landscape screen of some sort (arborvitaes) would be appropriate.

I thank you for your consideration-Ann Neely 1400 Brasslin Ave