

16604 S. Westland Dr.
Gaithersburg MD 20877
September 21, 2005

Ms. Elsabet Tefaye
Montgomery County Planning Board
Montgomery County Department of Parks and Planning
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring MD 20910

Re: Zoning Appeal S-2642

Dear Ms. Tefaye,

I have examined the photometric survey and plan submitted by the attorneys representing Taco Bell in the zoning appeal S-2642. Additionally I have made some measurements at the proposed site at an already developed Taco Bell restaurant at the intersection of MD Routes 115 and 124 in east Gaithersburg near the Montgomery County Airpark.

The submitted plan indicates the illuminance levels near the drive-through points where the menu signs will be posted will be about 2.6-2.7 fc and at the rear of the property directly adjacent to the lot of the existing home that the illuminance level will be .1-.2 fc. I measured the illuminance at the existing Taco Bell at the equivalent points and found them to be significantly higher. Near the menu signs at the existing Taco Bell the illuminance is about 8 fc and the illuminance at the back of the property near the fence that separates it from the adjacent development, the illuminance was about 1.5 -2.0 fc. This latter measurement is a factor of ten higher than the plan for the new development predicts and the illumination at the menu sign area is about a factor of 3 higher than predicted. Additionally the plan for the new development in Walnut Hill indicates that the illuminance over near the existing Penn Auto will be nearly zero when in fact it is presently about 1.0-1.4 fc.

I made my measurements about an hour after sunset and before the moon had arisen on September 19, 2005 using a Minolta photometer. I work at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg and my division is in charge of photometric measurements and hence I have some familiarity with making these types of measurements. I think the visual impact due to the proposed lighting will adversely affect adjacent homeowners and that the proposal grossly understates the amount of lighting that will ensue if this project goes forward.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you or representatives of the developer to ensure that I have properly interpreted their proposal. It would be useful for the developer to supply some measurement of similar properties so we could assess the accuracy of their computational model.

In my comparisons and discussion I have assumed the illuminance values given in the photometry plan are given in foot-candles (fc) as it is suggested by wording on the plan.

Best wishes,

Albert Parr

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September 9, 2005

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OFFICE OF ZONING AND
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Board of Appeals for Montgomery County
Office of Zoning and Administration Hearings
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Room 200
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Reference Case number S-2642 (Petition of Taco Bell of America)

Dear Sirs/Madams

I have read the petition of Taco Bell in the referenced case and have some concerns about their analysis of the impact upon the adjoining neighborhood, Walnut Hill, in which I reside. My concerns involve nearness to existing homes by the drive through lanes of the restaurant, additional traffic through neighborhood streets, and the effects of a concentration of restaurants and their odors, which are only separated by an alley from existing residences.

Nearness issues:

While the restaurant itself is sited over 100 feet from the nearest home, the entrance to the drive through lanes is the entrance to the existing alley, which directly abuts the residential property of the homes on Walnut Hill Drive. Only a six-foot wooden fence separates this alley from the nearby residential properties. The headlights from the cars will reflect off the trees and other structures and give a constant visual flashing on these dwellings during the evening operations. The noise of the exhaust and other noise generated by the patrons will be directly affecting these nearby homes during the entire operation schedule of the restaurant. The existing six-foot fence will do little to shield the neighborhood from the light pollution from the cars and the proposed lighting arrangement for the restaurant.

Traffic:

The only traffic light that allows a safe return to southbound MD Route 355 (henceforth 355) is at South Westland Drive. Presently the patrons of the Walnut Hill shopping center use the neighborhood streets extensively to return to southbound 355. There is no light at North Westland Drive and 355 nor at the 355 entrance to the shopping center. There is no reason not to assume that the patrons at the proposed restaurant will not be roughly evenly divided between travelers both southbound and northbound on 355 and hence it can be reasonably assumed that some fraction of them will elect to use Walnut Hill Drive for a safe entry to southbound 355. Presently at the morning and evening rush hours there is a considerable backup at South Westland at the light waiting safe turn to go south on 355. It is not unusual for traffic to back up

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REFERRAL NO. S-2642

as far as the Walnut Hill Cleaners on South Westland Drive waiting for this light. The petition's statements about traffic flow are not borne out by the existing situation and are of course designed to imply the Taco Bell will have no impact on the neighborhood. Our neighborhood does not have sidewalks and the neighborhood walkers, of which I am one, must utilize the streets. Also the neighborhood children use the streets to wait for school buses or walk to the elementary school at the end of North Westland Drive. The erection of this restaurant would result in substantial increase of commercial traffic through neighborhood streets, primarily on Walnut Hill Drive.

Restaurant concentration:

The shopping center presently houses a large Chinese restaurant; a Thai restaurant, a deli, and I understand a 24-hour Dunkin Donuts is slated to move in soon. Across North Westland Drive from the shopping center is a Pizza restaurant. While I'm sure the restaurants use appropriate smokestack smell mitigation technology, it is not perfect and one can always get aromas of various sorts when walking down Walnut Hill drive. In fact some years back the residents of Walnut Hill Drive had to petition the zoning enforcement division to get some abatement of the cooking odors from the Chinese restaurant. The addition of yet another restaurant that is open late and will invariably generate odors is not at all a desirable addition to the neighborhood. The odors emanating from the refuse containers in the alley adjacent to the existing homes is also a matter that should not be further aggravated. This restaurant will add considerably to the air pollution burden in the area.

For these reasons I urge you not to grant the exception for a drive through restaurant at this site and help encourage the property owner to develop some other less intrusive use of his property.

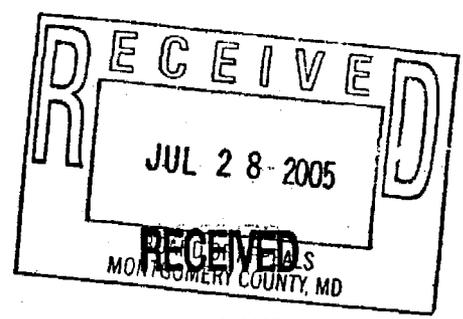
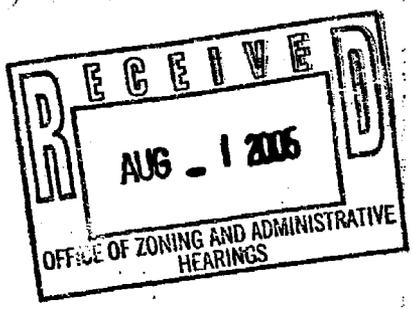
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Albert Parr". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Albert C. Parr

CASE NO.

S-2642



July 27, 2005

Ms. Allison Fultz, Chairman
Board of Appeals
100 Maryland Ave.
Rockville, MD 20850

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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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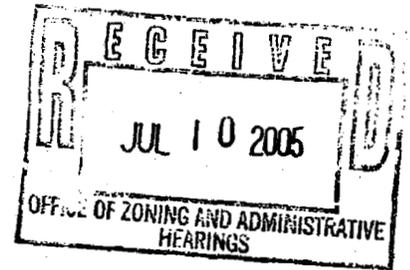
I and my family, who reside in the Walnut Hill development in Gaithersburg would like to express our concern about the proposed opening in our shopping center of Taco Bell. Whereas we already have a music store, a food supermarket, several restaurants, a liquor store, a barber shop, MVA office, a flower shop etc. they all have decent hours, closing at the time when the neighborhood takes a deserving rest. A proximity of Taco Bell to the homes of our residents and its proposed hours from 10 AM to 3 AM and even to 4 AM on Fridays and Saturdays will not benefit our community. In fact one can visualize the destruction of the life as we know it where businesses work together with the community, offering services and benefitting themselves from the proximity to the residents.

Pray tell, who would be coming to such an establishment at 3 or 4 AM? Surely not the citizens who after work deserve to enjoy their homes and neighborhoods. Will the county be able to regulate the noise, the traffic, the trash that surely would accumulate in the area and the streets? And what about, what surely is becoming a problem in Gaithersburg, the gangs of young people who already are causing problems in the Old Town of Gaithersburg, which is only a couple of miles away? Will they eat and go home? I doubt it. Would our already overburdened police force be able to respond to potential trouble that such an establishment would bring with it? No guarantees on that. While we support everyone's right to livelihood we also reserve the right to maintain our way of life as decent citizens. Wee hours of the morning for an establishment are not part of such a life. Will we be able to sell our homes if Walnut Hill gets Taco Bell with such hours? Most buyers would not want that kind of a neighbor. Our hard work maintains the diverse character of the community in which we live and benefits all. Please don't take away that from us and give us something that will surely destroy our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

S. and C. Demidenko
S. and C. Demidenko

EXHIBIT NO. 19
REFERRAL NO. S-2642



16608 Alden Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

July 7, 2005

Francoise Perrier
100 Maryland Avenue, Room #200
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Ms. Perrier:

Subject: Case # S-2642

I am vehemently opposed to the building of a Taco Bell at 16575 S. Frederick Avenue, in Gaithersburg, MD. This kind of business, with excessive hours of 10 AM to 3 AM/4AM, will draw an undesirable, late night, element to this reasonably quiet area.

Please include my statement in considering the decision in the hearing at 9:30 a.m. on August 1, 2005.

Thank you !

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Schumacher".

Kathryn Schumacher

KDS:s

EXHIBIT NO. 15
REFERRAL NO. S-2642

16689 S Westland d-
Gaithersburg MD 20877
20 Sept. 2005

Ms Elisabeth Testage
Montgomery County Planning Board
Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning
the M-RCPPC
8787 Georgia Ave
Silver Spring MD 20910

Re S-2642

Dear MS Testage

I understand you are working on the application by Taco Bell for a drive in Restaurant in the Walnut Hill Shopping Center, case S-2642. I sent a letter to the Board of Appeals about this and was informed I should have sent it to you as well. Enclosed is the letter.

I have a number of concerns about the project and would like to have an opportunity to express them to you. Our neighborhood association is preparing comments as well. Thank you for your attention -

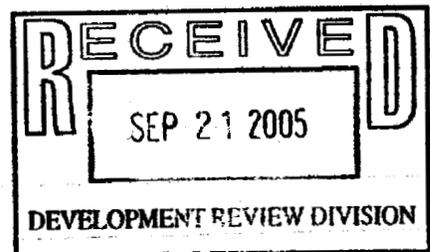
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Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

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THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Re: Case #S-2642

Dear Mr. Berlage:

I recommend ^{APPROVAL} ~~DISAPPROVAL~~ of the Request for Exception in the matter of Case S-2642 to locate a Taco Bell/Long John Silver drive-thru restaurant in the Walnut Hill Shopping center for the following reason(s):

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^{WE APPROVE OF}
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Printed name: Julius & Audrey Baker Jr. Julius B
Signature: 8816 N. Westland Dr. Audrey Baker
Street: Gaithersburg
City, State, Zip: MD 20877

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

October 26, 2005

Mr. Derick Berlage, Chairman
Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Case #S-2642

We highly disapprove of the "Request for Exception" for Taco Bell Drive Thru in the Walnut Hill Shopping Center.

We are located in the closest house to shopping center where the proposed Taco Bell will be located. Our property line is approximately 22 feet from one of the exiting driveways, our bedroom is located approximately 65 feet from the driveway and approximately 109 feet from the proposed building. A drive thru restaurant this close would surely cause disruption in our lives and not allow peaceful enjoyment of our property as intended. Taco Bell has made promises such as low volume equipment to place your order, unobtrusive lighting and an enclosed trash area. This will have no impact whatsoever on the cars with loud hip-hop music rocking our windows, tires screeching, or trash being tossed from the cars to litter our landscape. We also feel that most of the people that will frequent Taco Bell at 3:00 or 4:00 a.m. will be stopping after a night of partying and will be rowdy and loud. We certainly will not be able to open our windows up for fresh air at night nor be able to get a full night's sleep.

Also, the additional traffic would be a nightmare. The intersection of Route 355 and North Westland already handles an incredible amount of traffic. There are people exiting the neighborhood and the shopping center, also people turning left off of 355 from the north who pull into North Westland to make a U-turn to go to Goodwill or the Chevron and the tract shopping center. We then have about 50% of the drivers making the illegal U-turn on 355, making it difficult to make a right turn on 355. This will make it extremely dangerous to exit North Westland onto 355 either left or right. This will cause people to cut through the shopping center to exit by the light on South Westland Drive, making it difficult for the neighborhood and the customers of the existing merchants to enter onto 355 from South Westland.

We have lived here for 25 years and the shopping center has been a nuisance but we believe the Taco Bell/Long John Silver Drive Thru would make it unbearable. Also, where would we find someone willing to buy a house with a drive thru almost in their front lawn.

We are asking you to please not approve this exception.

Sincerely,



Charles Cook



Pamela Cook

Mr. Derick Berlage, Chairman
Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
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Additionally, I am opposed to the Taco Bell/Long John Silver restaurant because:

I consider this Taco Bell to jeopardize my safety and that of my neighbors. Every morning day laborers gather. I was hit by a worker at seven in that these are steal days from them and that they are frequently robbed at gun point. A Taco Bell that offers cheap meals and encourage these mostly illegal aliens a place to hang out over park in the morning. The Gaithersburg City police have told me the shopping center owners have allowed them there and there is nothing they can do. Trash by dumpsters is left on the ground for months creating a rat problem in the neighborhood. People use the shopping center as a dumping ground and the owners do not at all to ensure our health or safety.

Printed name: DIANE GASTFREUND

Signature: Diane Gastfreund

Street: 8840 North Westland Ln.

City, State, Zip: Gaithersburg, Md 20877

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Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
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Additionally, I am opposed to the Taco Bell/Long John Silver restaurant because:

A drive-thru in our neighborhood should
be a non-starter. We would appreciate
your help in denying the Request for Exception.

Printed name: Darrell R. Pauley, Barbara D. Pauley

Signature: D. Pauley Barbara D. Pauley

Street: 16815 Chestnut St.

City, State, Zip: Gaithersburg, MD. 20877

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Long hours 3 & 4 AM? They MUST BE JOKING.

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How about a bakery?

Printed name: KURT EDER

Signature: Kurt Eder

Street: 8841 N. WESTLAND DR

City, State, Zip: Coithersburg MD 20877

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Signature: 8816 N. Westland Dr. *Audrey Baker*
Street: Gaithersburg
City, State, Zip: MD 20877

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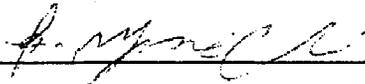
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Additionally, I am opposed to the Taco Bell/Long John Silver restaurant because:

We are living in a small neighborhood with no sidewalks
and small children coming in and out of W.G. Elementary
School and alot of traffic. It would be unacceptable to add a
drive-through restaurant, with no alternative of diverting
traffic. As a resident of Walnut Hill, I vote no to case S-2642

Thank you,

Printed name: Farhang Meymanli

Signature: 

Street: South Westmore Dr.

City, State, Zip: Gaithersburg MD 20878

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Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

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Additionally, I am opposed to the Taco Bell/Long John Silver restaurant because:

We are especially concerned about the
increase of traffic given the fact that
our roads are narrow, we don't have
sidewalks, and there are a lot of children
in the neighborhood.

Printed name: Nancy Williams

Signature: Nancy Williams

Street: 2500 Hillside Dr

City, State, Zip: Montgomery, MD 20877

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704 Quince Orchard Road
Suite 101
North Potomac, MD 20878



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Additionally, I am opposed to the Taco Bell/Long John Silver restaurant because:

This kind of drive thru with its very very bright light will put some homes under light. They do not need nor want. It will drive down the real estate value of our homes with those in our neighborhood.

Printed name: BETTY WISE COAKLEY, DEPUTY

Signature: *Betty Wise Coakley*

Street: 1000 Linn St

City, State, Zip: North Potomac MD 20878

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*of a safety factor. Specifically late
hours when such an establishment
would be there would bring undesirable
and/or potentially criminal activity.*

Printed name: S. Tomidouke

Signature: *S. Tomidouke*

Street: 1401 S. Woodland Dr

City, State, Zip: Green Thebes, MD 20877

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Montgomery County Planning Board
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Additionally, I am opposed to the Taco Bell/Long John Silver restaurant because:

Please help us preserve the
residential tenor of our neighborhood.
Fast food drive-thru restaurants do not
belong 75 feet from homes. Montgomery
County Planning Board, please help us.

Printed name: Patrick Lees

Signature: *Pat Lees*

Street: 16800 Chestnut St

City, State, Zip: Calverton, Md 20827

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Additionally, I am opposed to the Taco Bell/Long John Silver restaurant because:

Hours of operation that are excessively long & go very
late into the early morning
Excessive noise from car radios

(See attached letter)

Printed name: CAROL CHALKER / HOWARD CHALKER

Signature: Carol Chalker, Howard Chalker

Street: 10611 SHEA LN

City, State, Zip: GAITHERSBURG, MD 20877



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Montgomery County Planning Board
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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY NATIONAL CAPITAL
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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THE SUBDIVISION OF WALNUT HILL, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY
150 HOUSES/FAMILIES, HAS NO SIDEWALKS. THOSE WHO LIVE HERE ARE
AWARE OF THIS, AND DRIVE OUR CARS ACCORDINGLY (CAREFULLY) IN THE ARE
WATCHING OUT FOR PEDESTRIANS (PARTICULARLY CHILDREN). TACO BELL
CUSTOMERS, SEEKING AN EXIT FROM THE DRIVE-THRU CAN'T
BE EXPECTED TO DO LIKEWISE, THIS ENDANGERING PEDESTRIANS
COEXISTING WITH FREEWAREHOUSE CUSTOMER/DRIVERS.

Printed name: BERTIE O'NEAL

Signature: Bertie O'Neal

Street: 12345 Main St

City, State, Zip: Silver Spring, MD 20910

Mr. Derick Berlage, Chairman
Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
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Not compatible with our development
Too many restaurants in the Walnut Hill Shopping. I feel ^{this is} too close to residential housing.
What does the Gaithersburg High School and Elementary School of Washington think of the danger ^{to their students?} to their students?

Printed name: Ruth O'Connor

Signature: Ruth O'Connor

Street: 4505 Walnut Hill Rd

City, State, Zip: Gaithersburg, Md 20877

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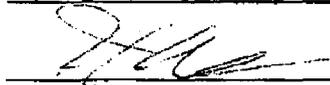
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Game theory is the study of the ways in which strategic interactions among rational players produce outcomes with respect to the preferences (or utilities) of those players, none of which might have been intended by any of them.

The connectedness and continuity of area,
the neighborhood, would be unbalanced if
a drive thru was allowed. — Balance —
Might as well connect Walnut Hill to Washington Grove!

Printed name: Thomas H. Aizer

Signature: 

Street: 16209 Chestnut

City, State, Zip: Landover, MD 20887

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Re: **Case number S-2642**

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- Incompatibility with the neighborhood
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- Proximity to homes
- Increased and intrusive lighting
- Trash, odors, and vermin

Additionally, I am opposed to the Taco Bell/Long John Silver restaurant because:

Mostly because we already have traffic
congestion so close to major artery (Rte 335-
Fred. Ave.).

Printed name: ERICA CHIZMAR

Signature: Erica Chizmar

Street: 1705 Eckman St.

City, State, Zip: Gaithersburg MD 20877

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I moved here 4 years ago thinking I was on a residential street with lovely (somewhat expensive) homes on it. Now you ^(they) want to come in & ruin our neighborhood. I hate it and do everybody on this street & in the entire neighborhood.

Printed name: Phyllis B. Heltkamp

Signature: Phyllis B. Heltkamp

Street: 5907 North Wheatland Ave.

City, State, Zip: Fatherbury, MD 20877

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- Incompatibility with the neighborhood - we have little to no buffer between shop center & homes
- Increased traffic
- Proximity to homes
- Increased and intrusive lighting
- Trash, odors, and vermin

Additionally, I am opposed to the Taco Bell/Long John Silver restaurant because:

We have no sidewalks in our neighborhood, so the children & adults must walk in the street - we have many young families with young children that walk to school in the neighborhood. Taco Bell customers would definitely drive thru our streets to reach a traffic light to exit to Rt 355.

Printed name: Roberta H. Lees

Signature: Roberta H. Lees

Street: 16800 Aspenhurst H.

City, State, Zip: Lanham, MD 20877

P.S. I work at Gaithersburg High School, which has an open lunch - this Taco Bell would be the closest fast-food to the high school (1/2 mile). I can say with no doubt that the students would drive to Walnut Hill to a Taco Bell at lunch. It would mean fast-driving turns in our neighborhood and they would be messy with their trash here as in the schools.

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Additionally, I am opposed to the Taco Bell/Long John Silver restaurant because:

THE TRAFFIC PATTERN FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON
RT. 355, WHICH INCLUDES THE HIGH SCHOOL.
IT ROUTES ALL THOSE PEOPLE THROUGH THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.

Printed name: VICTOR MONTENYOH

Signature: Victor Montenyoh

Street: 10624 SHEP LANE

City, State, Zip: GAITHERSBURG MD 20877

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- Trash, odors, and vermin

Additionally, I am opposed to the Taco Bell/Long John Silver restaurant because:

We already have two restaurants in the Walnut Hill Shopping Center. The proposed new drive-through restaurant will add fast-fat food and will contribute to more obesity in our citizens. These fast drive-thru's are not conducive to good health!

Printed name: Ronald F. Stauder

Signature: Ronald F. Stauder

Street: 16605 S. Westland Dr

City, State, Zip: Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20877-1223

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- o incompatibility with the neighborhood - We love our ambience.
- o Increased traffic - Already congested.
- o Proximity to homes - Close - very close.
- o Increased and intrusive lighting - Taco-Bell is the brightest
- o Trash, odors, and vermin - Ugh!!

Additionally, I am opposed to the Taco Bell/Long John Silver restaurant because:

I have always been proud of my neighborhood. A drive-thru Taco Bell is a very tacky thing to have at the entrance. It will bring traffic jams too.

Printed name: Jennifer Lees

Signature: Jen Lees

Street: 16500 Chestnut St

City, State, Zip: Leatherburg, MD 20877