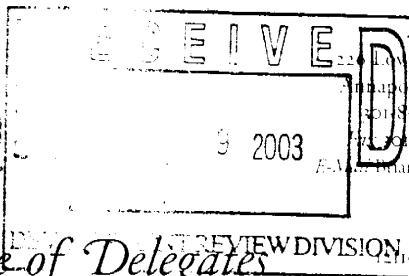


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July 2, 2003

Mr. Malcolm Shaneman  
Montgomery County Planning Board  
Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning  
The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Shaneman,

I am writing to express my concerns about the plans regarding Hall Road. Numerous constituents in the neighborhood have contacted my office with valid issues about the potential safety and environmental impact of the increased traffic that the proposed changes, if implemented, will cause.

There is already a bypass connecting River and Falls Road just a few blocks away and many people have chosen to live on Hall Road because it is a quiet street with no outlet. The potential negative impact to the community, with regard to safety as well as housing prices, is substantial.

I appreciate you speaking with my office regarding the status of this matter. My assistant, Shanna Pearson, informed me that you are still in the review process of the proposal and will be holding a public hearing regarding the plan. If possible, I would appreciate advance notice of this public hearing. I would also appreciate receiving a copy of any status reports or other information pertaining to your review so that I can be informed as to the details of the matter.

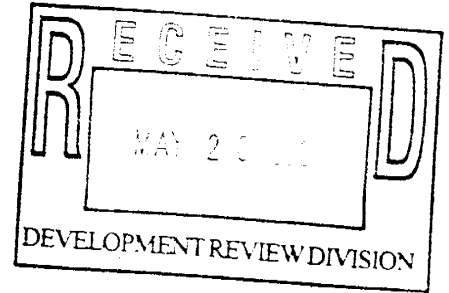
I look forward to working with you on this matter. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Brian Feldman



MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND



May 14, 2003

Barbara Sears, Esquire  
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Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4842

Re: Village of Potomac  
Preliminary Plan No. 1-03062

*Barbara*  
Dear Ms. Sears:

Enclosed please find a copy of my Notice of Intention to Participate in this case.

I would appreciate receiving copies of all submissions, revisions, supplemental reports, and any other materials that you have filed in this case as well as any other materials that you may file in this case in the future.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

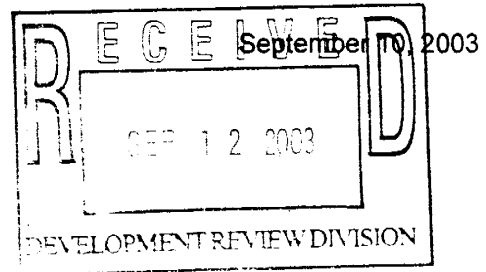
Sincerely yours,

*Martin*  
Martin Klauber  
People's Counsel

MK:jte

cc: Montgomery County Planning Board  
Malcolm Shaneman, M-NCPPC ✓

Mr. Malcolm Shaneman  
Development Review Committee  
M-NCPPC  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910



**RE: Village of Potomac, Plan No:1-03062**

Dear Sir:

My family and I reside at 9600 Falls Bridge Lane in Potomac. The western end of Hall Road leads downhill into (that is, terminates across the street from) my driveway. My neighbors and I are concerned about plans to change Potomac Center traffic-flow by shunting it onto an extended Hall Road. Such new development will directly, substantially and negatively change the nature of Hall Road and our surrounding residential neighborhood. Here is why I am concerned:

**TRAFFIC:** Hall Road is a quiet street. It effectively has no on-street parking without impeding two-way traffic. Hall Road has no sidewalks. There is a stop sign at the foot (Falls Bridge Lane end) of Hall Road. Creating a rush-hour shortcut through this neighborhood will increase traffic, increase speed, and increase stop-sign running.

**SAFETY:** The intersection of Hall Road and Falls Bridge Lane is a bus stop for many children. Public school buses pick up children here for High School at 6:45 am, for Middle School at 7:25am, and for Elementary School at 9:00am. Over 20 children board these buses, and debark again at 2:30, 3:00 and 4:00pm. The busiest morning traffic event is the 7:25am (Middle School) pick-up, right at the height of rush hour, when 9-10 children wait for the bus. These children already have nowhere to stand but on the road, or on the nearest neighbor's lawn.

**CONGESTION:** In addition, some of the children's parents bring them to the stop by car. Traffic in both directions on Falls Bridge Lane, or on Hall Road, halts while the bus loads, often backing up cars the entire length of our front yard – and this is before any town traffic is diverted here.

**CHILDREN & QUALITY OF LIFE:** There are 12 school-age and pre-school children total in just the four Falls Bridge Lane homes including ours at the foot of Hall Road. My wife and I have four children, ages 12, 9, 8, and 2. They and their friends play safely in the front yard now, and that will not be possible once the Hall Road "breakthrough" to River Road produces high volumes of pass-through rush-hour traffic that must make a quick turn left or right in front of our house after barreling downhill. We bought these homes because they are within walking distance of town; however, there are no sidewalks on either Hall Road nor on Falls Bridge Lane, making a walk to town in light traffic risky. Increasing traffic in this vicinity will completely preclude a safe walk for any resident, young or old.

Creating an intersection at Hall and River will do nothing but create a new accident site, given short distances of visibility and high speeds. There is already egress onto River and Falls Rd. from our neighborhood at Accord, and the crest of River Road by Accord creates a dangerous blind spot – as do the too-close placements of River Road egress to Accord and Persimmon Tree. **Please do not repeat or exacerbate these problems. Reconsider leaving Hall Road just as it is and ought to be.**

Sincerely,

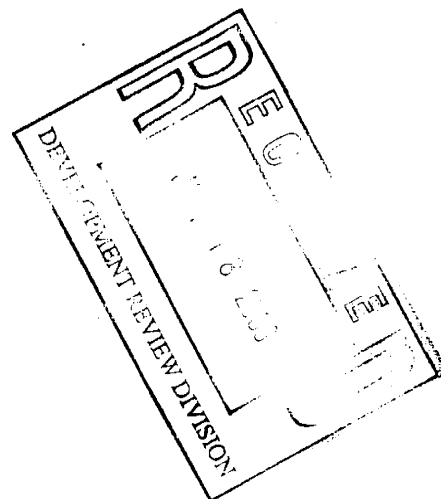
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Thomas A. Porter  
9600 Falls Bridge Lane  
Potomac, MD 20854

cc: Betsi Dahan  
Sen. Brian Feldman

**RICHARD I. KLEIN**

9721 Brimfield Court  
Potomac, Maryland 20854  
(301) 299-7237



June 14, 2003

Mr. Rich Weaver  
Development Review Division  
MNCPPC  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Plan Number 1-03062, River & Hall Rd.  
Village of Potomac

Dear Mr. Weaver:

We are writing to voice our concern over the county's plan to open Hall Road from the South to River Road. We believe the result of this action will be a tremendous increase in traffic on a narrow residential road by those seeking to avoid the stoplight in Potomac Village and a significant number accidents at the newly opened intersection.

There is already an access to River road through Accord Dr. That route somewhat deters "cut-throughs" as it requires an extra turn. Regardless, access to River Rd. is possible and, although difficult, that intersection seems to handle the flow of traffic.

Opening Hall road from the south to River will significantly increase traffic and congestion. It is already extremely difficult to enter River Rd. from the existing intersection (north side of River connection) with Hall Rd. The high-speed traffic on River Rd. combined with the rush hour tension at the proposed intersection is a situation to be avoided and not exacerbated. Cars trying to directly cross, or turn onto River Rd. will create extremely dangerous conditions. It is evident that Hall Rd. would become a parallel substitute for Falls Rd. between Falls Bridge Lane and Democracy Boulevard via Sorrel Road. These are residential, not commercial, areas and hall Road was not designed for this use.

Also, we are concerned that there was no Local Traffic Study or Safety Study required for the above referenced plan. Every home from Falls Bridge Lane and Falls Rd. to Hall Rd. and Sorrel (and on to Democracy) will be affected. These homes more than exceed the requirement necessary for these studies. It is vital information the Planning Board needs to have available to make an informed decision.

We urge you to conduct these studies that we are confident will validate our concerns.

Sincerely,

Donna D. Klein

Richard I. Klein

Cc: Howard Dennis – Montgomery County Council  
Steven Silverman - Montgomery County Council  
George Leventhal - Montgomery County Council  
Nancy Flooreen - Montgomery County Council

Mr. Malcolm Shaneman  
Development Review Committee  
M-NCPPC  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910



Dear Mr. Shaneman:

I am writing with regard to the recommendation to intertsect a section of Hall Road with River Road to alleviate the congestion at River Road and Falls Road in Potomac (Village of Potomac, Plan No: 1-03062).

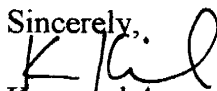
To put it mildly, this recommendation to ease congestion on River Road is absolutely outrageous. At the same time that the District and the County are seriously considering closing down Rock Creek Parkway on week days to enhance the quality of life for bikers, joggers and bird watchers, this proposal would wreak havoc on the quality of our life and adversely impact our peaceful and safe community.

Here are some of the facts about Hall Road. Hall is undersized for the amount of traffic projected if a "cut through" is approved. Hall Road, like many other streets in the neighborhood, attracts kids riding bikes and waiting for school buses, pedestrians walking with or without their dogs, not to mention the delivery trucks and landscape trailers parking while they do their jobs. A "cut through" would have a significant adverse effect on our personal quality of life, with increased traffic volume and speed making accidents more likely.

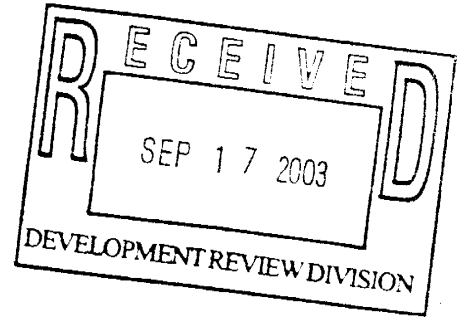
Rather than alleviate congestion, this proposal is more likely to increase congestion on River Road (a two lane road) in the evening while people try to turn left on Hall and increase congestion on Hall in the morning while folks try to turn right onto River. And why we need another "cut through" less than 50 yards from Accord Lane is truly a mystery.

As a fairly new arrival to the neighborhood, our family requests that you reject this recommendation outright. It would not solve or even begin to solve the congestion problem on River Road. It would potentially lower property values, lead to more accidents and the need for unsightly speed bumps and unwanted parking restrictions and, overall, negatively impact our quality life. In a county that prides itself with regard to "smart growth" initiatives, this is simply put a "dumb" idea.

Sincerely,

  
Ken and Aurora Kirk  
9605 Hall Road  
Potomac, Md 20854  
(301) 765-7033

9816 Tibron Court  
Potomac, MD 20854  
September 15, 2003



Mr. Malcolm Shaneman  
Development Review Committee  
M-NCPPC  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Village of Potomac, Plan No: 1-03062

Dear Mr. Shaneman:

For over fifteen years, we have lived at the corner of Hall Road and Tibron Court in Potomac, Maryland. The traffic on Hall Road has increased each year. Now, we are informed that the Park and Planning Commission plans to open the other side of Hall Road onto River Road, only to add even more traffic to a supposedly residential street.

We are strongly opposed to the opening of Hall Road. It would provide a cut-through to Sorrell Avenue and onto Democracy Boulevard, needlessly increasing traffic through our residential community.

Furthermore, the intersection of the present Hall Road and River Road is already a dangerous intersection because of limited visibility and high traffic volume.

If it is absolutely necessary for these homes to be built, they should be constructed at the dead-end of Hall Road with no direct access onto River Road.

**We think it is imperative that the request to open Hall Road onto River be denied. The well being of Montgomery County residents--particularly those impacted by this road opening--should take precedence over the profit motives of developers!**

Sincerely,

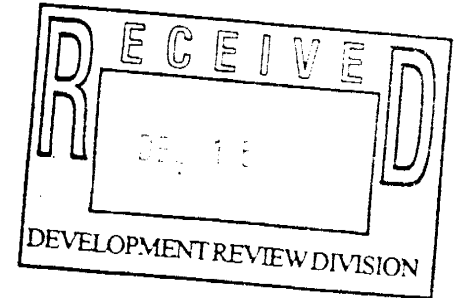
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Elliot Blum

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Betty Blum

**Mr. and Mrs. Paul Case Aiken, II**  
**9617 Hall Road**  
**Potomac, MD 20854**



December 10, 2003

Mr. Marvin Shaneman  
Maryland National Park and Planning Commission  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Case #Village of Potomac Plan No: 1-03062

Dear Mr. Shaneman,

My family lives on Hall Road in Potomac. We understand that there is a possibility that our street which now ends in a cul-de-sac could be opened to River Road. It is my understanding that this is now under review and we want your committee to know we strongly oppose the road change. Not only would this adversely affect our lives and our neighbors by creating a cut through, but entering River Road from this location can only be a traffic hazard as well.

We already feel the traffic problems from cars using our neighborhood as a short cut to River Road and Falls Road and would hope the county would not encourage more problems to our safety. The traffic congestion that already exists on River Road and Falls Road would seep onto our quiet street making Hall Road like Falls Bridge Road-in desperate need of speed bumps.

I realize the county doesn't always take into account the quality of life that will be drastically changed by their actions, but I hope you will this time! We moved to Hall Road four years ago to get away from the traffic in Bethesda. This neighborhood has been a wonderful area to raise our children and enjoy the comforts of an enclosed environment. But to understand what an opening can do to a street all one has to do is walk along Falls Bridge at any time of day or night. It is a heavily traveled street with cars speeding through. Please don't let this happen to our street!

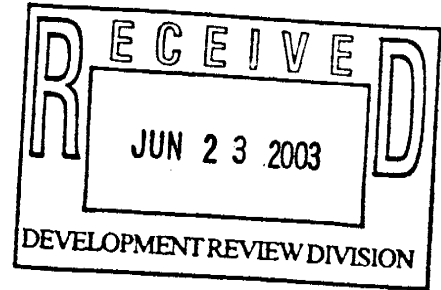
Thank you in advance for your attention to this potential problem.

Sincerely,

Nancy Aiken

June 18, 2003

Mr. Malcolm Shaneman  
Development Review Committee  
M-NCPPC  
8787 Georgia Ave  
Silver Spring, MD 20910



RE: Village of Potomac, Plan No 1-03062

Dear Mr. Shaneman:

We are strongly opposed to the proposed cut through from Hall to River Road. We live at 9604 Hall Rd and would be directly effected by the change. We have lived at this address for over 25 years and our children have grown up here. One of the reasons we bought here was the relative quiet and safety of Hall Rd. Our children are grown now, but our grandchildren are here often., and the neighborhood is full of young children who would be subject to significantly increased risk from a dramatic increase in traffic. It would destroy the peace and quiet the adults have enjoyed as well.

My understanding was and is that the reason Hall Road was never cut through to River Rd was because of the dangerous situation it would create at that intersection. There would be only 190 feet from the intersection to the crest of the blind hill just east of the intersection. I am at a loss to understand why such a change is even being considered at this time.

Please, please do NOT approve the propose change.

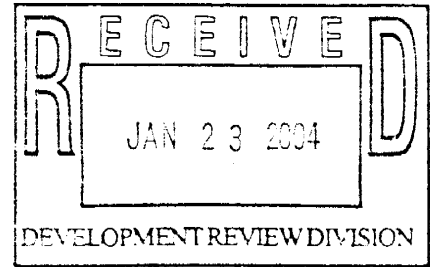
Sincerely,

Deanne and Dick Berman  
9604 Hall Rd  
Potomac, MD 20854



Heritage Farm Homeowners' Association  
9512 Falls Bridge Lane  
Potomac, MD 20854

HeritageFarmHomeowners@comcast.net



Mr. Malcolm Shaneman  
Development Review Committee  
M-NCPPC  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Village of Potomac, Plan No: 1-03062

1/19/2004

Dear Mr. Shaneman,

I recently surveyed Heritage Farm Homeowners' Association members to get their opinions on the possible opening of Hall Road to River Road.

Of the 127 households who got the survey, 42 (33%) responded. Of these, 27 (64%) were opposed to the opening, 7 (17%) were for it, and 8 (19%) were unsure or didn't care.

Given the overwhelming opposition of our members to the opening of Hall Road to River Road, I would like to inform you of the Heritage Farm Homeowners' Association's opposition to the opening.

I understand the homeowners living on and near Hall Road across River Road from the proposed opening are also opposed to the opening, and am unaware of any group of people who support the opening. This would seem to make it a simple decision not to do it.

Regards,

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Craig Laub  
Acting President

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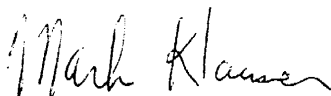
Dear Mr. Shaneman,

May,22,2003

I am writing you today in reference to preliminary plan no.1-03062.I have resided at 9800 Hall Rd. since 1986 and have enjoyed living on a dead end street, surrounded by woods on three sides. I also understand the owner has a right to build houses on his property, but I do not believe he should have the right to change the character of the neighborhood. In reviewing the minutes of the April 14 meeting I see you are favoring the elimination of Lot 1 which is adjacent to my property and had a house sitting 15 feet from my property line in the middle of my backyard. I would like to thank for recognizing that this was non-conforming to the rest of the neighborhood.

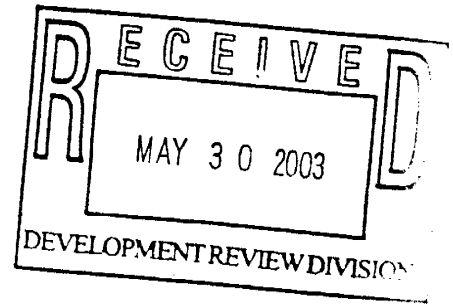
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I do not believe the developer or the neighborhood is seeking the opening of Hall Rd. but the county wants the road opened. It seems to me that if the neighborhood and the land owner are not seeking the opening of Hall, the county should not have the right to forever change the nature of Hall and the surrounding neighborhood I hope you will support our position on both accounts.



Best Regards,  
Mark Klausner  
9800 Hall Rd.  
Potomac, Md.

**Stephen M. & Amy F. Stern**  
9720 Brimfield Court  
Potomac, MD 20854  
301-983-9720



May 28, 2003

Mr. Malcolm Shaneman  
Development Review Committee  
M-NCPPC  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Village of Potomac, Plan No:1-03062

Dear Mr. Shaneman:

I am writing to express our opposition for the proposal to open up Hall Road to River Road in Potomac.

We selected our home less than a year ago primarily based upon the perception that the Brimfield Court/Hall Road neighborhood was extremely safe for our 4-year old twin boys. Our kids have enjoyed playing with other young children in the neighborhood and riding their bikes on the relatively tranquil Hall Road.

Opening up Hall Road to River Road would generate significant River Road-Falls Road cut-through traffic, create a dangerous intersection with poor sight lines, generate noise, and reduce the overall quality of life for residents.

Of greatest concern is the increased risk that our neighborhood kids would face in riding their bikes. I'm particularly sensitive to this issue having watched my 7-year old brother hit by a car and killed when I was 8-years old. Now as a parent, I greatly value the relative security of a closed Hall Road and urge you to keep this street closed from River Road.

We appreciate the Committee's consideration of our concerns.

~~Sincerely,~~

  
Steve Stern

Kurt Frederick Fischer  
9701 Brimfield Court  
Potomac, Maryland 20854

May 30, 2003

Mr. Malcolm Shaneman  
Development Review Committee  
M-NCPPC  
8787 Georgia Ave.  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Village of Potomac, Plan No.: 1-03062

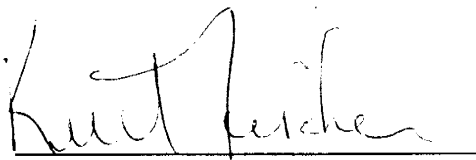
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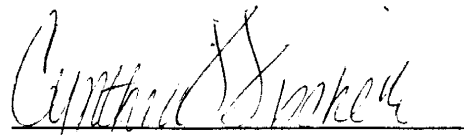
We reside at the corner of Hall Road and Brimfield Court in Potomac and very strongly oppose the opening of Hall Road onto River Road for several reasons:

1. **Quality of Life.** When we bought our house fifteen years ago, one of the most appealing attributes was the sign on Hall Road that says "No Outlet". We wanted a quiet neighborhood where we could safely walk our dogs and our kids could ride their bikes. We now have grandchildren (and still a dog), and without sidewalks, we are forced to walk in the street. The additional traffic brought on by the cut-through would certainly impede our walking and would not be safe for young kids on bikes.
2. **Difficult passage.** Hall Road is only two car-widths wide. With delivery vans, landscaping trucks, contractors, and guests parking on the street during the day, the narrow street can only support traffic of local residents.
3. **Dangerous intersection.** Perhaps the strongest reason for not cutting through is the high probability of accidents and possible deaths. This is not an exaggeration. Traffic traveling West on River Road at this point routinely moves at 40 MPH. If the cut-through were implemented, traffic from Hall Road turning West onto River Road could not see the on-coming traffic from the right coming over the hill on River and accidents would bound to occur. Likewise, traffic traveling West on River wanting to turn left onto Hall might have to stop for on-coming traffic, and other westbound traffic behind them on River could not see that a stopped car lay just over the hill, and again accidents would happen.

Not only do the above reasons outline why we don't want the cut-through, we can find no redeeming reason for it. We already have very adequate access to River Road just one block away.

The bottom line is that the cut-through from Hall Road to River Road is not needed and we don't want it. Please take our wishes into consideration as you make your final recommendation. Thank you.

  
Kurt Fischer

  
Cynthia Fischer

**Gentlemen:**

Last week my neighbors and I received the enclosed letter concerning plan number 1-03062.

We are all concerned on a number of levels .One, the size of the proposed homes seem to dwarf the existing homes in the neighborhood, two if you cover all this land the run off will create drainage problems for my yard. The water level is already very high and the rear portion of my yard is unuseable. These lots are already adjacent to wetlands that don't perk, I believe these homes would make the run-off that much worse. One of the proposed homes is less than 15 feet from my fence and literally sitting in my backyard with only a pipestem on Hall Rd. for access. Finally we are most concerned with the proposed cut-through and opening of Hall Rd. to River Rd. **Our** concern is on two levels, one, changing the character or the neighborhood to a busy through street and secondly, the turn on Accord Drive is one of the worst left turns in all of Potomac, and the grade at the end of Hall is even worse. Allowing Hall to be opened would require leveling the hill so you could see oncoming traffic coming from the village. Please advise how we can best go about objecting to the enclosed subdivision. Please feel free to call me at 301-996-5810 or write me at 9800 Hall Rd., Potomac Md. 20854.

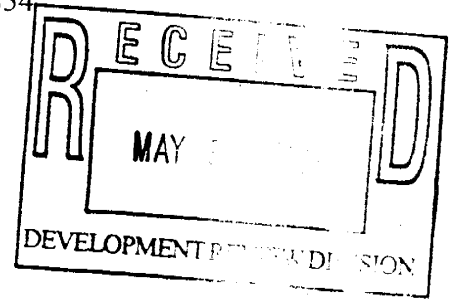
Best Regards,



Mark Klausner

Redlich Family  
9612 Hall Road  
Potomac MD 20854

27 May 2003



Mr. Malcolm Shaneman  
Development Review Committee  
M-NCPPC  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Village of Potomac, Plan No: 1-03062

Dear Mr. Shaneman:


We recently were notified of a major development involving the opening of our street, Hall Road, to River Road. This would cause great harm to our community and the families that live here.

This potential development would define Hall Road as a shortcut around Potomac Village, enabling drivers to avoid the lights at River and Falls Road. Traffickers trying to shave minutes off of their morning and evening commutes would change the quality of life for those of us that reside here. We choose to live in this neighborhood in large part because it is "a neighborhood" -- a safe haven to ride bikes, walk dogs, and take infants for a stroll.

Hall Road is undersized for the amount of traffic and speed that would result from a new intersection. Two-way traffic would cause the street to be unsafe for pedestrians. At the crest in River Road, the intersection in question would be precarious for vehicles turning left onto Hall Road. The potential backup would surely cause accidents.

**We respectfully request that the Development Review Committee reject the request to create an intersection south of River Road at Hall Road.** This work would adversely change the nature and character of our neighborhood and deeply affect its residents for the worse.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen and Kim Redlich

Preliminary Plan No. 1-03062

Dear Mr. Shaneman,

May,22,2003

I am writing you today in reference to preliminary plan no.1-03062.I have resided at 9800 Hall Rd. since 1986 and have enjoyed living on a dead end street, surrounded by woods on three sides. I also understand the owner has a right to build houses on his property, but I do not believe he should have the right to change the character of the neighborhood. In reviewing the minutes of the April 14 meeting I see you are favoring the elimination of Lot 1 which is adjacent to my property and had a house sitting 15 feet from my property line in the middle of my backyard. I would like to thank for recognizing that this was non-conforming to the rest of the neighborhood.

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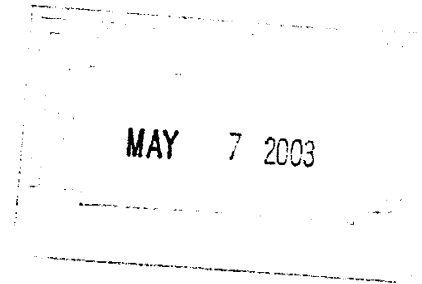
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9800 Hall Rd.  
Potomac, Md.

*Betsi Dahan*  
9805 Hall Rd.  
Potomac, MD 20854  
301/983-1773

May 7, 2003

Mr. Richard Weaver  
Development Review Division  
MNCPPC  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Plan Number 1-03062, River & Hall Rd.  
Village of Potomac



Dear Mr. Weaver:

I am writing to express my opposition regarding the above plan. I live directly across from the lots proposed and at the end of Hall Rd. We have lived here since 1987.

The lots across the street from my home are the only green space left which buffer our neighborhood from the Village noise and are a sanctuary for wildlife. This is a narrow strip of land and I do not see how the developer will be able to preserve any "green space". As you know, our area of Potomac is continually stripped of green space. Three or four large homes will upset the ecology of these wetlands and increase our noise pollution. These homes will entirely fill the lot space and will have the "McMansion" effect on our settled neighborhood.

The proposed opening of Hall Rd. to River Rd. is a huge concern. Again, the green space between River and Hall buffer our neighborhood from the traffic and noise of River Rd. If this intersection is approved, our two block street will become a bypass for the intersection of River and Falls. We will have continual traffic of a high speed, cut-through nature. This is not the way to solve the congestion problem in Montgomery County.

In addition, the result of a Hall Rd. continuance across River is just an accident waiting to happen. It is already extremely difficult to enter River Rd. from the existing intersection with Hall Rd. The high-speed traffic on River Rd. combined with the rush hour tension is a merge situation to be avoided, not increased. Is Hall Rd. to be a parallel substitute for Falls Rd. between Falls Bridge Lane and Democracy (via Sorrel)? These are NEIGHBORHOODS, not commercial areas.

I was disappointed to learn that no Local Traffic Study had been ordered for this project.. I was informed that 50 homes would need to be affected in order for the study to be ordered. I would urge you to reconsider in conjunction with the Transportation Planning office. Every home from Falls Bridge Lane and Falls Rd. to Hall Rd. and Sorrel (and on to Democracy) will be affected. These homes more than exceed the requirement necessary for a Local Traffic Study. Please let me know how we can formally request this Study. It is vital information the Planning Board needs to have available for its informed decision.

Thank you, Mr. Weaver.

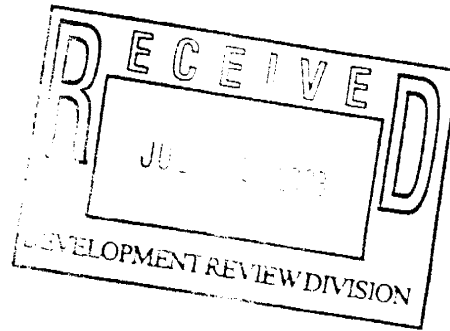
Sincerely,

Betsi Dahan



June 27, 2003

Mr. Malcolm Shaneman  
Development Review Committee  
M-NCPPC  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910



RE: Village of Potomac, Plan No: 1-03062

Dear Mr. Shaneman:

We are writing to express our strong objection to the proposal that would intersect River Road and the 9800 block of Hall Road in Potomac, MD.

The rationale behind this recommendation is to alleviate congestion at River and Falls Roads. This rationale is not sound; in fact, this would worsen congestion. River Road would be backed up in the evening as people try to turn left onto Hall Road. Hall Road would be backed up in the morning from commuters trying to turn right into River Road traffic and the ability to turn left would be practically impossible. This is already occurring at the intersection of Accord Drive and River Road.

This would be a very dangerous intersection for drivers, especially as traffic volume and speed increase. This new intersection would also be very dangerous to all of our families and impact the quality of life. There are dozens of joggers, children riding bikes, and families walking pets in our neighborhood. Many of us chose this neighborhood because it is safe and isolated from traffic noise. The proposed intersection would change the basic nature and character of our street and neighborhood.

Hall Road is undersized for the amount of traffic and speed that would result from the new intersection. There are already cars, delivery trucks, and landscaping trailers parking on Hall Road, making an increase in two-way traffic very difficult. Any parking restrictions, speed bumps, or speed circles imposed on Hall Road would erode the quality of life in our neighborhood.

We know that all of the families in our neighborhood are strongly united in our opinion that this proposal would increase congestion, put drivers and children at danger, and diminish the quality of life in our neighborhood. We appreciate your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

Craig and Barbara Sable  
9601 Hall Road  
Potomac, MD 20854

cc: Senator Rob Garagiola  
Brian Feldman  
Jean Cryor  
Kathleen Dumais